Yahoo Group Archive: vkshires

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1. SOFTWARE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-05 21:16:29 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 1 Message: 1

Mike VK3AVV has advised that he is able to create a VKCL version as long as notice is given in time.

I have yet to receive responses from N1MM or Writelog regarding the proposal.

Regards

Trent VK4TI

2. VK SHIRES "FORMULA"

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-05 21:21:10 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 2 Message: 2

We are formulating a VK SHIRES contest for 2009.

This is an outline of the proposal :

1. The bands (HF Only) will be those used by Standard Licencees. - this precludes 160 M and the 80 M DX window -

reasons-

There has been NO support from any VHF / UHF operators - We can only assume there is no interest from this section of the hobby - perhaps we include it in later years

The standard licencees need encouragement and a level playing field

2. Categories

2(a)The modes will be SSB CW and RTTY - a contact can be made on each mode - consequtively -reason -to encourage multi mode operation
2(b) Single operator ALL Band ALL Mode only Awards for Overall - Standard and Foundation
2(c) Multi Operator Stations - Multi operator 2 Transmitter Only - No MM hopefully this will encourage more operators to work together without major clubs creating 20 ops at one spot type stations we need as many Shires active as possible.

3. The contest will occur on the FIRST FULL weekend of JUNE 2009 it will be a 24 Hour contest and start time is proposed to be either 0000 Z or 0200Z any comments ?

4. It is an international contest. VKs can work any one.

5 Points - 1 point per contact mulitple contact allowed only on changing modes - eg SSB CW and DIGITAL

5(a) Portable / mobile operation to be encouraged.

6 Multipliers - Each Shire may be claimed only once per band regardless of Mode.

7 Shire Hoppers - a mobile or portable station (or a lucky home station) that is on a boundary of a shire may make consequtive contacts from each shire ! On the junction of four shires there is the possibility of 4 contacts with a station without being a duplicate and then the same on each mode - twelve contacts..

Example of scoring :
QSO Points SHIRES

80 13 5
40 24 5
20 16 10
15 35 20
10 27 10

Total QSOs 115 * 50 Total score 5750

I am forwarding this to several contest loggers to ask for comments.
They may be able to suggest an easier way for thier own software.

3. vk shires contest draft 1.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-10 11:10:35 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 3 Message: 3

I have just finished draft 1 for the proposed 2009 vk shires contest.
I have sent a copy to Trent VK4TI.
regards
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

4. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 06:24:01 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 4

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /The 2009 Australian Shires Contest draft 18.rtf
Uploaded by : vk4fw <vk4fw@...>
Description : PROPOSED VK SHIRE CONTEST RULES

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/The%202009%20Australian%20Shires%20Contest%20draft%2018.rtf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

vk4fw <vk4fw@...>

5. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 06:24:45 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 5

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /All VK municipalities.... shires January 2009.xls
Uploaded by : vk4fw <vk4fw@...>
Description : VK SHIRE ABREVIATIONS

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/All%20VK%20municipalities....%20shires%20Janu
ary%202009.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

vk4fw <vk4fw@...>

6. VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 06:29:15 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 6 Message: 6

In the near future we will finalise the VK SHIRES AWARD. As of 1st Jan 2009 all shires/municipalities as per the list may be counted towards the award. Full rules will be available soon.
regards

7. proposed rules and abreviations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 06:45:48 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 7 Message: 7

These are now listed on the site.
Please make a point of going through it all and if you have any queries or questions please let us know.
Please note the vkshires.com website is not yet operational.
cheers
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

8. VK Shires List

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 07:10:52 UTC
From: rduckths
Topic: 8 Message: 8

The List of Shires and their abbreviations appears to have the first
20 abbreviations missing in the NSW list. The Shires are listed but
the abbreviations are missing.
I have downloaded the file twice to be sure and on both occasions I
received the same result.
73
Robert

9. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires List

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 07:16:12 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 8 Message: 9

ok qrx I will double check what i have done wrong.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: rduckths
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 5:10 PM
Subject: [vkshires] VK Shires List

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20 abbreviations missing in the NSW list. The Shires are listed but
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Robert

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10. correction complete

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 07:23:37 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 10 Message: 10

OK please try again the full list of abreviations should now be ok.
Thanks for letting me know of a problem.
I hope to have the web site up and running by late tomoorow.
cheers
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

11. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 09:00:47 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 11

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /The 2009 Australian Shires Contest draft 19.rtf
Uploaded by : vk4fw <vk4fw@...>
Description : VK SHIRES/MUNICIPAILTY RULES 2009 draft 19

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/The%202009%20Australian%20Shires%20Contest%20draft%2019.rtf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

vk4fw <vk4fw@...>

12. new rules yet again

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 09:02:44 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 12 Message: 12

This I think is pretty well just about finalised.
I have just updated the actual url address in the rules.
We have just registered
www.vkshires.info

Please remember we now have to get a web site designed .
cheers

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

14. WA shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 11:27:27 UTC
From: vk6xhg0
Topic: 14 Message: 14

As of when we re-started the WA shires award nearly 3 years ago there
were 144 shire/cities in WA. Since then Gerraldton has conbined with
Greenhough making 143.
The files section shows 126 ??
I will recheck with the state land managenment office over the next
few days and report back.
I do wonder where you got the list from ?
thanks
Keith VK6XH WA Shires award manager.

15. Re: [vkshires] WA shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 11:56:34 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 14 Message: 15

The list was devised from a VK3 station Keith so it may not be spot on. I already found some anomolies which i have fixed. If in fact there are any errors I would appreciate an update. This is the main reason we have released the details so that if there are in fact problems we can sort them urgently.
We must have final rules and abreviations ready for the program writers.
cheers

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: vk6xhg0
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 9:27 PM
Subject: [vkshires] WA shires

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16. url I found

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 12:05:49 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 16 Message: 16

http://www.lead.org.au/WA-lg-links.html

This lists 126 shires for WA.
There are also links there for other states but I have not had time to go thru them yet.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

17. Re: [vkshires] url I found

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 12:07:41 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 16 Message: 17

the info may not be correct as it does not have the new updates for VK4 or 8.....
Let me know what u find out please.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Horner
To: vk shires
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 10:05 PM
Subject: [vkshires] url I found

http://www.lead.org.au/WA-lg-links.html

This lists 126 shires for WA.
There are also links there for other states but I have not had time to go thru them yet.

Bill Horner
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Australia

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18. more info on WA councils

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 12:11:45 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 18 Message: 18

http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/LocalGovt/Default.asp

I guess we need to know exactly what is current, have amalgamations taken effect yet????

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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4660
Australia

19. THANKS TO PETER FRASER VK3ZPF

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 12:11:51 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 19 Message: 19

Thank you for your input Peter,

Your work is appreciated and your original list is the basis of the database for VK SHIRES A great effort.

Regards

Trent
VK4TI

Bill
VK4FW

20. WA shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 13:15:06 UTC
From: Keith Bainbridge
Topic: 14 Message: 20
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Attached is the list we are using for the WA Shires award. I know we have to modify the Geraldton/Greenhough one but other than that it should be correct, 143 Shires.
73
Keith
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Keith
VK6XH / VK6DXR
Chairman WIA VK6 Advisory Committee.
Northern Corridor Radio Group Inc VK6ANC

21. Re: [vkshires] WA shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 22:22:11 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 14 Message: 21

Keith am I to understand that Geraldton/Greenhough will be amalgamated and if so whaat will the new name be.
I will then incorporate the list into the master file I have here and then re post the entire thing. I will have to add the state number 6 to the abreviations and that will be done.
I also have to find exactly what the go is with WEIPA in VK4 as it is on some lists but not others.
We are still double checking all these things so if any one finds problems or faults please let me know.
I would also ask you all to go through your address book and invite known contesters and friends to join this forum. The faster we spread the word to the world the better.
regards

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Keith Bainbridge
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 11:15 PM
Subject: [vkshires] WA shires

Attached is the list we are using for the WA Shires award. I know we
have to modify the Geraldton/Greenhough one but other than that it
should be correct, 143 Shires.
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22. Re: WA shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-14 22:36:55 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 14 Message: 22

Bill et al,

Weipa is not a local government shire. Currently Rio Tinto, the company that mines bauxite at Weipa, administer the township. This has been the case for many years. There have been ongoing representations to the Queensland Government by RioTinto and also the previous operators of the mine, Comalco, for Weipa to be added to the Queensland Local Government Shires but at this point in time it has not happened. It is most likely that some time in the future this will happen, but when?

73

Dale VK4DMC.

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
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> I would also ask you all to go through your address book and invite known contesters and friends to join this forum. The faster we spread the word to the world the better.
> regards
>
> Bill Horner

23. Testing... Testing... 1...2...3....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 00:28:55 UTC
From: vk4baa
Topic: 23 Message: 23

QRZ??

Phil
VK4BAA

24. Re: Testing... Testing... 1...2...3....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 00:34:45 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 23 Message: 24

Good Signal Phil

59 TO4 QSL ? de VK4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk4baa" <philhss@...> wrote:
>
> QRZ??
>
> Phil
> VK4BAA
>

25. Re: Rules - Portable

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 00:41:25 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 25 Message: 25

NO U can not be at home and then go mobile and make one contact as a mobile or portable station..... why..... simple
When you are at home you are not a portable station.... If you go to Warwick and operate for even just one qso then you have contravened the "one callsign only" rule ie. you operated as VK4HAM then suddenly u went as VK4HAM/p.... U are not permitted to do this at all.
The rules are not set in concrete but the foundation is built well, Trent and myself do not claim to have it 100% right as yet, that is why we have invited more participation from fellow hams. It is good that you have raised this subject Andrew, I thank you and I will re hash the wording if I think it is necessary. I trust this answers your query though.
cheers
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: andrew Munson
To: trent@... ; vk4fw@westnet.com.au
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 10:33 AM
Subject: RE: Rules - Portable

Seriosuly???? So I go to the effort of a portable station and set up a camp site / tower trailer / take a generator etc etc - where you can stay at home and work the contest and put in a monster score - drive to esk the next day and make 1 contact in your car and you qualify for portable.

This is a great idea and a great contest but I think you have got it wrong with the portable section of it.

Just my opinion anyways.

>>> "Trent Sampson" <trent@...> 15/01/2009 10:26:54 am >>>

Andrew, its up to you to go portable, yes in the sense of the rules you could operate from home and then go to Warwick -we want to encourage the activation of rare shires..the JA/s wont worry, they will be happy you are talking to them !

And yes you are not portable or mobile unless you operate from two shires that is the intent of the rules

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From: andrew Munson [mailto:andrew.Munson@...]
Sent: Thursday, 15 January 2009 10:11 AM
To: Trent Sampson; vk4fw@...
Subject: Rules - Portable

Hello Gentlemen

The rules read that to be classed as portable / mobile you must operate from a minimum of 2 shires......it reads that you are portable / mobile if you operate from more then 1 shire.

Do you think this should be ammended to define more what a portable station is - I read it as I can be a portbale station if I operate from my home, then the next day drive to Warwick in the car..... I think that this is also going to be very hard to do on a computer log since the exchange of shire does not come until the report.

eg VKHAM - will get noted as a dupe.

In my honest opinion - you need to rewrite the rules of this section to

a) make it known that a portable station is one that is away from his home qth and not using a pre existing station

I also think you should do away with the changing shires rule. If I work a pile of Japs in say Toowoomba and then go to warwick shire and work a pile of japs - they are just going to hear vk4ham and think - well i have already worked him and not bother - so to me changing shires will be a waste of time - not to mention the 2 hours you will lose to pack up station and reset up. YET ACCORDING TO THE RULES (OR AT LEAST THE WAY THEY ARE WORDED) I AM NOT ABLE TO APPLY FOR THE PORTABLE SECTION OF THE CONTEST UNLESS I OPERATE FROM 2 DIFFERENT SHIRES

Sorry I didn't post this on the reflector but my work IP has a rela problem with Yahoo for some reason.

Andrew VK4HAM

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26. New poll for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 00:44:20 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 26 Message: 26

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
vkshires group:

Andrew VK4HAM has asked whether the portable section could be reviewed :
"Seriosuly???? So I go to the effort of a portable station and set up a camp site / tower trailer / take a generator etc etc - where you can stay at home and work the contest and put in a monster score - drive to esk the next day and make 1 contact in your car and you qualify for portable.

The intent of this rule is to encourage shire activations
Should the portable definition be changed to delete the need to operate from more than one Shire ?

o Keep the 2 Shires - it encourages activity
o Delete the 2 Shires - we need to encourage activity
o I dont care I'd rather stay at home and watch the footy

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/surveys?id=2472718

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

27. poll

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 00:51:19 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 27 Message: 27

While I am a little interested in what the results of the poll are I would suggest that the rules that I have again reread are very clear "in the portable/mobile section"
PORTABLE or MOBILE stations is one which travels to more than one SHIRE location, and signs "PORTABLE" or "MOBILE" with no more than one callsign. The PORTABLE who moves into a new SHIRE may count the same MULTIPLIER more than once per band as long as the PORTABLE is in a new SHIRE location. Such change in location must be clearly indicated in the log.

What i have highlighted in RED ink covers it well

Please people lets not jump in the deep end so fast and relax and take a deep breath.....
This contest will be the biggest and the best Australia has to offer in years to come and we want you all to be part of it..... keep reading and making queries.

And by all means fill out the poll.

cheers

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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4660
Australia

28. Re: [vkshires] New poll for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 01:07:51 UTC
From: philhss@tpg.com.au
Topic: 26 Message: 28

I'm more of a mind that for portable operation, a single shire will suffice - as long as it is a 'true'
portable operation. Maybe a QSO with a portable station scores for a higher number of QSO points
so as to encourage shire activation rather than just staying at home?

For mobile operation, the two shires rule seems reasonable, as the station will be mobile and
not 'fixed'.

Phil
VK4BAA

Quoting vkshires@yahoogroups.com:

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> vkshires group:
>
> Andrew VK4HAM has asked whether the portable section could be
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> "Seriosuly???? So I go to the effort of a portable station and set
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> can stay at home and work the contest and put in a monster score -
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> operate from more than one Shire ?
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>
> o Keep the 2 Shires - it encourages activity
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> o I dont care I'd rather stay at home and watch the footy
>
>
> To vote, please visit the following web page:
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/surveys?id=2472718
>
> Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
> not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
> web site listed above.
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> Thanks!
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29. 80m band rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 01:57:00 UTC
From: Bill Main
Topic: 29 Message: 29

Trent, what ssb 80m frequencies will NA stations be allowed to use?
Cant we work split with them in their allocation?

30. latest list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 01:56:59 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 30 Message: 30

Ok I have made some necessary alterations for the various states and also abreviations.
I would certainly appreciate it if people went through them and reported any anomolies.
regards

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

31. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 02:05:19 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 29 Message: 31

Bill,

You can work USA extra class on 3.600 to 3.700 otherwise you will have to work split..

Trent Sampson
220 Alderley Street
Toowoomba QLD 4350
VK4TI

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill Main" <vk4zd@mainlink.net.au>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, 15 January, 2009 11:57:00 AM GMT +10:00 Brisbane
Subject: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules

Trent, what ssb 80m frequencies will NA stations be allowed to use?
Cant we work split with them in their allocation?

32. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 02:33:28 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 29 Message: 32

Trent

The way the rules read, stations worldwide may only use the frequencies specified.
You may wish to specify that the rule:

III.
A) Bands:. 80 Metres 3.500 - 3.700 MHz, 40 Metres 7.000 - 7.250 MHz, 20 Metres 14.000 - 14.300 MHz, 15 Metres 21.000 - 21.350 MHz, 10 Metres 28.000 - 28.600 MHz. Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted.
relates only to VK operators.

73's

de Bill, VK4ZD

------------Original Message------------
From: VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thu, Jan-15-2009 12:05 PM
Subject: Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules
Bill,

You can work USA extra class on 3.600 to 3.700 otherwise you will have to work split..

Trent Sampson
220 Alderley Street
Toowoomba QLD 4350
VK4TI

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To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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Cant we work split with them in their allocation?

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33. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 02:35:06 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 29 Message: 33

Good point Bill -

34. Re: 80m band rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 02:55:21 UTC
From: Paul Manley
Topic: 29 Message: 34

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Main" <vk4zd@...> wrote:
Hi guys.
thanks for the invite to be here, appreciate it and look forward to involvement.

Whatever you decide please keep it simple, preferably easier to understand than the VK-Tasman rules.
Rules should be very short and very specific, ambiguity leads to argument.
Have a "max. power output" right from the start, ie. up to 100w.pep as a gentlemans agreement or whatever you decide.

We have no problem working "F" Licences here in ZL, as long as the "all knobs right" guys stay in bed !

Encourage the new guys, encourage the female ops, encourage those that are unique.

Looking forward to it,

Paul - ZL2CQ

>
> Trent, what ssb 80m frequencies will NA stations be allowed to use?
> Cant we work split with them in their allocation?
>

35. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 02:59:47 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 29 Message: 35

I will amend the rules immediately, appreciate your input, more brains mean less mistakes.
cheers
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: VK4ZD
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 12:33 PM
Subject: Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules

Trent

The way the rules read, stations worldwide may only use the frequencies specified.
You may wish to specify that the rule:

III.

A) Bands:. 80 Metres 3.500 - 3.700 MHz, 40 Metres 7.000 - 7.250 MHz, 20 Metres 14.000 - 14.300 MHz, 15 Metres 21.000 - 21.350 MHz, 10 Metres 28.000 - 28.600 MHz. Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted.

relates only to VK operators.

73's

de Bill, VK4ZD

------------Original Message------------
From: VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thu, Jan-15-2009 12:05 PM
Subject: Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules

Bill,

You can work USA extra class on 3.600 to 3.700 otherwise you will have to work split..

Trent Sampson
220 Alderley Street
Toowoomba QLD 4350
VK4TI

----- Original Message -----
From: "Bill Main" <vk4zd@....au>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Thursday, 15 January, 2009 11:57:00 AM GMT +10:00 Brisbane
Subject: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules

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Cant we work split with them in their allocation?

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36. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] 80m band rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 03:04:06 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 29 Message: 36

My pleasure guys.

73's

de Bill, VK4ZD

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Date: Thu, Jan-15-2009 12:59 PM
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37. Version DRAFT 21

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 03:11:30 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 37 Message: 37

I am just about to post this version on the yahoo forum.
Again i request that you take the time to check everything.
regards
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

38. Re: Version DRAFT 21

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 04:44:05 UTC
From: vkdxmaster
Topic: 37 Message: 38

Bill,

The Portable section is now a lot clearer.

Andrew

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39. Re: Version DRAFT 21

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 05:41:58 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 37 Message: 39

I. NB VARIATION FOR ROVER STATIONS. ROVERS CAN REWORK FROM
MULITPLE LOCATIONS

Speeling erra ! Multiple ...

40. WA SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 06:06:28 UTC
From: Keith Bainbridge
Topic: 40 Message: 40

The list at

http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/LocalGovt/LocalGovtContacts/LocalGovtList.asp

is accurate as far as I can tell.
This is the one we use for the WA Shires award.
Cheers
Keith

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Keith
VK6XH / VK6DXR
Chairman WIA VK6 Advisory Committee.
Northern Corridor Radio Group Inc VK6ANC

41. Re: [vkshires] Re: Version DRAFT 21

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 07:02:17 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 37 Message: 41

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Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Trent
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2009 3:41 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Version DRAFT 21

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MULITPLE LOCATIONS

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42. CONTEST SOFTWARE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 10:15:19 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 42 Message: 42

CONTEST SOFTWARE THAT IS ALREADY OFFERING SUPPORT :
VKCL, WRITELOG

Both Mike from VKCL and Ron from Writelog have offered support for the contest and should have modules available before the contest for us to BETA test.

As a matter of urgency if you have a favourite logger why not approach them to make available a module to cover the contest ?

Regards

Trent VK4TI

43. sponsoring a VK Shires contest category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 23:24:34 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 43 Message: 43

Hi crew

I'm keen to sponsor the DX Single Operator category in the new VK Shires contest. Just wondering who I need to contact about this.
Now I just need to let my wife know that I'm blanking out ANOTHER weekend in the 2009 contest calendar.....oh I am in SO much trouble
73s
Craig VK5HRT
Craig Edwards, 29 Sheaoak Drive, Mawson Lakes SA 5095
vk5hrt@yahoo.com.au

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http://au.docs.yahoo.com/mail/smarterinbox

44. Re: [vkshires] sponsoring a VK Shires contest category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-15 23:34:17 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 43 Message: 44

greetings Craig.
I have noted your sponsorship and will be in touch when we need funds,
regards
VK4FW
ONE OF THE VKSHIRES ADMINISTRATORS
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Craig Edwards
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2009 9:24 AM
Subject: [vkshires] sponsoring a VK Shires contest category

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45. Re: [vkshires] sponsoring a VK Shires contest category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-16 01:52:08 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 43 Message: 45

Thanks Bill no problems.

I'll be operating from Coorong District Council in SA - CO5 - this is a rural area and I wouldn't think there's many VK5's living in this council area.

cheers

Craig VK5HRT

From: Bill Horner <vk4fw@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, 16 January, 2009 10:04:17 AM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] sponsoring a VK Shires contest category

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46. new file

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-16 09:22:10 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 46 Message: 46

latest draft is there with a couple of minor changes to numbering.
cheers all
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

47. Good morning from VK5

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-16 21:00:09 UTC
From: vk5bm
Topic: 47 Message: 47

Thansk guys for the invite, looks like a great idea and I think many will love it. Keep up the good work,
Kind regards
Brenton
VK5BM

48. rover stations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-16 21:49:43 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 48 Message: 48

I have received some queries regarding this section.
Currently we have said you must activate 2 or more shires to be in this category.

However ..... it has been bought to my attention that if someone was to go to an island (eg. Christmas, cocos keeling, Palm or Torres) then it would be nigh on impossible for them to be able to get to another shire.
As such I have made the decision to scrap the 2 shire minimum rule. The original reason I had this rule in was that I wanted to see as many shires activated as is possible......
I will amend the rules and post a new version on the site later today..... heaps to do here this morning.
cheers all and thanks for the input.
regards
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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4660
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49. LATEST WANTED LIST FROM N4AA

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-17 03:30:31 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 49 Message: 49

P5 NORTH KOREA 1
2 7O YEMEN 2
3 KP1 NAVASSA 3
4 FR-G GLORIOSO 4
5 ZS8 MARION ISLAND 6
6 KP5 DESECHEO 7
7 3Y-B BOUVET 5
8 VKØ-H HEARD ISLAND 10
9 FT5W CROZET 9
10 FT5Z AMSTERDAM 11
11 VP8-O SOUTH ORKNEY 13
12 VP8-S SOUTH SANDWICH 15
13 SV-A MT ATHOS 14
14 ZL9 AUCKLAND & CAMPBELL 18
15 VKØ-M MACQUARIE 20
16 HKØ-M MALPELO 17
17 PYØS ST PETER & ST PAUL 23
18 FR-T TROMELIN 16
19 BS7 SCARBOROUGH 8
20 KH5 PALMYRA 29
21 KH5K KINGMAN REEF 22
22 3D2C CONWAY REEF 24
23 FR-J/E JUAN DE NOVA 26
24 KH4 MIDWAY 27
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28 VK9-W WILLIS ISLAND 12
29 KH9 WAKE 31
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34 VU4 ANDAMAN 38
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36 CEØ-X SAN FELIX 51
37 KH1 BAKER & HOWLAND 39
38 KH7K KURE 49
39 3CØ ANNOBON 40
40 FT5X KERGUELEN 50
41 ZL8 KERMADEC ISLAND 41
42 ZD9 TRISTAN DE CUNHA 57
43 H4Ø TEMOTU 46
44 1S SPRATLY 53
45 T33 BANABA 69

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47 ZK3 TOKELAU 60
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PREFIX COUNTRY
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57 3Y-P PETER I 71
58 FJ ST BARTHELEMY NA
59 4W TIMOR LESTE 48
60 EP IRAN 58
61 VP6 PITCAIRN 47
62 ZK2 NIUE 65
63 VK9-L LORD HOWE 80
64 4U-UN UN NEW YORK 75
65 TL CENTRAL AFRICA REP 62
66 VK9-X CHRISTMAS ISLAND 66
67 A5 BHUTAN 82
68 CEØ-Z JUAN FERNANDEZ ISL. 76
69 YVØ AVES ISLAND 84
70 XF4 REVILLA GIGEDO 85
71 3D2R ROTUMA 61
72 CYØ SABLE ISLAND 70
73 E5-N NORTH COOK 87
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75 YA AFGHANISTAN 73
76 3C EQUATORIAL GUINEA 43
77 TN CONGO 52
78 FO-C CLIPPERTON 21
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83 H4 SOLOMON ISL. 81
84 1AØ SOV.MIL. ORDER-MALTA NA
85 CY9 ST PAUL ISLAND NA
86 SØ WESTERN SAHARA 93
87 EZ TURKMENISTAN 96
88 3W/XV VIETNAM 92
89 YJ VANUATU NA
90 JD1-O OGASAWARA 78
91 XX9 MACAU 95
92 9N NEPAL 98
93 TT CHAD NA

94 YK SYRIA 77
95 R1MV MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ NA
96 TJ CAMEROON NA
97 VP8-SS SOUTH SHETLAND NA
98 A3 TONGA NA
99 9U BURUNDI 88
100 AP PAKISTAN NA

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50. Sponsorship

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-17 13:34:11 UTC
From: Keith Bainbridge
Topic: 50 Message: 50

I would be delighted to sponsor the VK Multi Two award Bill
Just let me know how to help
73
Keith
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Keith
VK6XH / VK6DXR
Chairman WIA VK6 Advisory Committee.
Northern Corridor Radio Group Inc VK6ANC

51. Re: LATEST WANTED LIST FROM N4AA

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-18 11:57:45 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 49 Message: 51

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Hi Bill,i would like to see some of these Deleted hi hi as that would make my total look real good

count me in for sponsorship

Paul vk2hv

52. Re: [vkshires] rover stations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-19 02:52:02 UTC
From: philhss@tpg.com.au
Topic: 48 Message: 52

Scoring:

"1 point per QSO"

Could this be made to reads as "1 point per unique QSO" or something similar.

A duplicate QSO is still a QSO - it just shouldn't count twice for points.....

Phil
VK4BAA

Quoting Bill Horner <vk4fw@...>:

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53. sponsorships

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-19 03:41:33 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 53 Message: 53

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We still require a few more. Please note that it is my intention to have the sponsors name and callsign on all certificates that are issued.

As soon as we have this sponsored list filled we will then circulate this contest far and wide so please be quick and help cover these spots.

Contact me now.

** please note we hope to be able to award a minimum of 4 certificates per category.

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6. DX Single Op .. as below

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b) South America ..

c) Asia ..

d) Europe .. kindly donated by VK4HAM, Andrew Munson

e) Africa ... kindly donated by VK2HV, Paul Hanna

f) Oceania ... kindly donated by VK2VRD, Robert Duck

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PO Box 612
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54. Re: sponsorships

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-19 03:52:22 UTC
From: Bill Main
Topic: 53 Message: 54

Hi Bill

Diane (VK4KYL) & I (VK4ZD) will be happy to cover Asia.

Regards

Bill Main
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55. Re: [vkshires] Re: sponsorships

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-19 04:10:53 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 53 Message: 55

Many thanks, it is duly noted.
regards
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Main
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 1:52 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: sponsorships

Hi Bill

Diane (VK4KYL) & I (VK4ZD) will be happy to cover Asia.

Regards

Bill Main
VK4ZD

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56. Re: sponsorships

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-19 05:32:17 UTC
From: John_vk6hz
Topic: 53 Message: 56

Bill

I would like to sponsor the VK Single Op Rover please.....

Thanks,
John
de vk6hz

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57. Re: [vkshires] Re: sponsorships

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-19 05:39:01 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 53 Message: 57

ok thanks John..... that leaves just one more category to fill.....

Where are all the VK3s and 7s.....

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: John_vk6hz
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 3:32 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: sponsorships

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58. latest sponsorship list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-19 09:14:50 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 58 Message: 58

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59. Re: 80m band rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-19 11:21:01 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 29 Message: 59

Of course we can Bill, We can also work JA and USA Extra inside the allocation..might I suggest those band segments between 3.6 and 3.7 that we can work JA and USA without split will be popular. The only limit is on OUR transmit frequency. I would think a split band strategy similar to what is the norm for 40 M will need to be adopted SAY TX 3.675 listen 3.805 AND 3.675

Trent

60. Re: latest sponsorship list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-19 14:02:12 UTC
From: DAVE
Topic: 58 Message: 60

I will take South America
Dave
VK4NDX

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61. Re: [vkshires] Re: latest sponsorship list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-20 02:25:12 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 58 Message: 61

Many thanks Dave, it is duly noted and I have updated the list.
I will be in touch when we require some funds.
regards

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: DAVE
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 12:02 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: latest sponsorship list

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62. news

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-20 04:13:23 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 62 Message: 62

Well after many long hours of work I can inform you all that the final rules for the Australian Shires Contest are now posted on the yahoo forum. The final rules for the Australian Shires Award will also be posted there before to long. John VK5PO will have the official web site up and running very soon.
Judging by the feedback that has been received here from around the world I think we will have a contest that will hold itself high on the world calender of events. To those of you who have helped to make this the success we now have, I would like to thank you.
In the upcoming days Trent VK4TI will be preparing a WIA notice for the news broadcast.
I will be circulating the rules to as many places as I can think of and if you have special friends or places you wish for them to be sent, be my guest and send them.
I remind you all that the actual list breakdown of all the shires throughout Australia is yet to be absolutely verified as correct but I hope to have that news within a couple of days.

I do not wish to bore you all with other details at this stage other than to say that I am especially proud to have been given the oportunity to be part of this and I want to especially thank the operators that have pledged monetry support for the various trophies for the next 3 years..... many thanks to you all.
regards to all.

Bill Horner
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Australia

63. RE: [vkshires] news

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-20 05:11:15 UTC
From: Kevin Nathan
Topic: 62 Message: 63

Hi Bill and All,

Greetings from the U.S. pacific Northwest. Thank you Bill for inviting me to the group. If you will get me a copy of the rules, I will make sure they are published on the Western Washington DX Club list and hopefully many of us up here will be listening and participating.

Take care all and very 73.

Kevin :)
Amateur Radio: K7RX

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Horner
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 20:13
To: vk shires
Subject: [vkshires] news

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64. RE: [vkshires] news

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-20 05:50:45 UTC
From: philhss@tpg.com.au
Topic: 62 Message: 64

I'll include the contest within the AR Magazine for the WIA, so I'll have a chat with Trent about
whatever he is writing for the WIA broadcast.

Nice going one and all - should be fun!

Phil
VK4BAA

Quoting Kevin Nathan <k7rx@...>:

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> Kevin :)
> Amateur Radio: K7RX
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> From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On
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65. latest file

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-20 09:22:19 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 65 Message: 65

Ok ladies and gents on the forum now is 2 only files.
They are both basically set in concrete. Today I have spent nearly all day going thru hundreds of pages of government web sites to get the latest shires list for every state. I have now completed that task. As you know some states have already begun to promote their own shires for an award .... the national award will be out this time tomorrow.

When I was going thru the various states I noticed mistakes which I have fixed and also informed the various state authorities about. I expect they will adopt the same codes now that I have issued the few mistakes.

If anyone has any queries please feel free to give me a call.
regards

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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Australia

66. WIA NEWS BROADCAST COMING UP

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-20 21:56:47 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 66 Message: 66

Greetings friends of the VK Shires Contest -

We have sent in to the WIA NEWS desk an audio file and txt relating to the release of the VK Shires contest - We will appreciate any feedback via this forum if you can think of other ways to pulicicse the contest and the awards -

For example Bill VK4FW last night fowarded notes regarding the award and contest to all club secretaries in VK - please give us a note when you receive the info back from your club. DDARC had mine on the email this morning..

I will be asking several of you via telephone interveiw your thoughts on how best to prepare for the VK Shires for future broadcast over the WIA NEWs so put on your thinking caps..

Regards

Trent VK4TI

67. qsl cards

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 02:11:18 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 67 Message: 67

VK5HRT has come up with the idea that when VKs do a reprint of their qsl cards they might think about actually printing the shire abreviation on the card similar to what the JAs have with their JCC etc........
Well done Craig, great idea.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

68. Operating from Coorong District Council - VK Shire CO5 - Australia Day

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 04:10:32 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 68 Message: 68

Hi everyone

Just to let you know I'll be operating from the rural VK shire CO5 (Coorong District Council) on Sunday (VK5HRT) and Monday (AX5HRT). Operation will be on 100W SSB on 10m, 15m, 20m and 40m. I will be on from around Sunday 0100 UTC until Tuesday 0100 UTC.

I have separate AX5HRT QSL cards printed too. I hope to work you all and Happy Australia Day.

In February I'll be on the road with work at a couple of very remote VK5 shires, namely Copley OA5 and Roxby Downs RX5. So I'll give days, times and bands in a week or so.

73's
Craig VK5HRT
vk5hrt@...
29 Sheaoak Drive, Mawson Lakes SA 5095 Australia

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http://au.docs.yahoo.com/mail/smarterinbox

69. frequencies and possible nets

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 07:26:15 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 69 Message: 69

Well people it has started..... I have had emails arriving here now asking for specific net style frequencies and actual nets.

Personally I certainly have little time to start running a net.
However one would think it could have some merit.

I do think that it would be ideal if we were to adopt some specific frequencies .....

what say u all.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

70. Re: frequencies and possible nets

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 08:49:15 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 69 Message: 70

Frequencies ? Can we find a standard ?

SSB 1.875 3.675, 7075, 14.275, 21.275 , 28,475

CW 1815 3515 14015 21015 28015

RTTY WARC ? what do you gurus reckon ?

Thanks in anticipation

Regards

Trent VK4TI

71. dxcc qsl card checker

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 09:26:05 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 71 Message: 71

DXCC QSL CARD CHECKING IN NEW ZEALAND

Several months ago it was suggested that New Zealand and Australasia should have its own DXCC Card Checker rather than having to send DXCC cards to the ARRL in the USA. Since the nomination must to come from an established "DX Club" of long standing in NZ or "National Society" - NZART put forward my name to ARRL and the ARRL DXCC Manager has appointed me as an official DXCC card checker in this area of the world.

Basically my function is to receive and check cards to make sure they are valid for DXCC Applications and Total upgrades. Your cards will be checked and returned within a few days to you and I will sign your application and forward it to the ARRL DXCC Desk. I am able to check cards for the following awards:

· All ARRL DXCC awards and endorsements including the following:

· Mixed

· Phone

· CW

· RTTY

· Satellite

· 80 Meters

· 40 Meters

· 30 Meters

· 20 Meters

· 17 Meters

· 15 Meters

· 10 Meters

· 6 Meters

· 2 Meters

· 5BDXCC (5 Band DXCC)

· DXCC Challenge

· WAS (Worked All States)

· VUCC (VHF/UHF Century Club

Please note: I do not and cannot award DXCC credits. The DXCC Desk does that. I simply check cards for information and validity. I cannot check "Deleted Entities" or 160M cards. They must be sent to the ARRL Desk for validation. I am bound by exactly the same rules as you would encounter with the DXCC desk.

If you are contemplating making a DXCC application in the near future, I would suggest that you contact me via email at leejen@... and tell me what you would like to do. You may lodge an Initial DXCC application with only 100 "Entity" confirmations. You may also lodge several hundred cards, or update your existing DXCC totals or combine your application with a LoTW application. I can advise you and email the correct forms, DXCC Rules, Current Entities List and other information to help you complete your application easily and correctly.

The information that I send to you will show the scale of fees etc. A typical application has just over 100 cards and the application forms completed. You can send 100 cards from Australia to NZ for about $10 and the same amount for the return trip. I will then sign and send your application form along with the lists of verified contacts to the DXCC Desk. Your credit card number will allow the DXCC Desk will deduct the appropriate fees. There is no charge for my services.

Turn around time for your cards to get back to you is 48 hours. You will then have to wait about 10 - 15 days before your application reaches the DXCC Desk and your application is put up on the DXCC website. There is always a backlog of DXCC applications with the ARRL receiving about 15 bags of mail daily so completion of your application and your credits being finalized sometimes takes 8 - 12 weeks at the ARRL. The wait is worth it when you finally receive your certificate. You will have a grin from ear to ear on your face for weeks.

The ARRL DX Century Club is one of the oldest awards in ham radio. It is the measure of your DXing prowess and operating skills that you are able to initially join the club at 100 countries. Some of the awards are very difficult indeed like working every country available (338) and working 100 countries on each of the 5 HF bands (including 80M) and offer a lifetime challenge to complete them. ZL DXers do very well when measured by world standards and we have a few ZLs that have reached the very highest level of DXCC awards.

Australasia has never had a resident DXCC Card Checker and this is a great opportunity to become a DXCC member without risking your cards traveling to the USA. It is an honour and privilege to be able to be in a position to do this for ZL and VK amateurs.

73, Lee ZL2AL

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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72. Suggested frequencies

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 12:02:02 UTC
From: Keith Bainbridge
Topic: 72 Message: 72

I would suggest that even frequencies on 40 mtrs be avoided , ie 7075
7080, 7065 etc.
The local QRM from the north always use channelised frequencies and 40
can be impossible in VK6 (and elsewhere).
For 40 mtrs I suggest making it something like 7077, it will be so much
easier.
From experience !
73
Keith
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Keith
VK6XH / VK6DXR
Chairman WIA VK6 Advisory Committee.
Northern Corridor Radio Group Inc VK6ANC

73. Re: WIA NEWS BROADCAST COMING UP

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 22:12:11 UTC
From: chrisandtanyamegaw
Topic: 66 Message: 73

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Trent" <vk4ti@...> wrote:

Townsville (TV) TARC has sent me a noticevia email

Chris
VK4GEE

>
> Greetings friends of the VK Shires Contest -
>
> We have sent in to the WIA NEWS desk an audio file and txt relating
to
> the release of the VK Shires contest - We will appreciate any
feedback
> via this forum if you can think of other ways to pulicicse the
contest
> and the awards -
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> For example Bill VK4FW last night fowarded notes regarding the award
> and contest to all club secretaries in VK - please give us a note
when
> you receive the info back from your club. DDARC had mine on the
email
> this morning..
>
> I will be asking several of you via telephone interveiw your
thoughts
> on how best to prepare for the VK Shires for future broadcast over
the
> WIA NEWs so put on your thinking caps..
>
> Regards
>
> Trent VK4TI
>

74. WAVKS Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 23:00:44 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 74 Message: 74

I just hope that the jack Files test remains as is,can any one confirm this.

Paul vk2hv

75. Re: [vkshires] WAVKS Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 23:08:55 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 74 Message: 75

I would suggest that the QLD Advisory Committee are the only ones who can answer that question.

Neither the VK Shires Contest or the VK Shires Award creates any interference to any current VK state run awards or contests.

regards
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Paul
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 9:00 AM
Subject: [vkshires] WAVKS Contest

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_____ NOD32 3783 (20090121) Information _____

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http://www.eset.com

76. Re: WAVKS Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-21 23:37:55 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 74 Message: 76

Paul,

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Hope this clarifies things for you .

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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77. RE: [vkshires] Re: WAVKS Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-22 00:01:48 UTC
From: Brenton Meadows-Motorola OEM GPS
Topic: 74 Message: 77

HI Trent,

You have far too much time on your hands hahaha

Anyway, howdy mate, looks like you guys have been busy….

Give that old bastard Bill Horner a hard time for me..haha

Cya on the bands mate,

Regards

Brenton

VK5BM

-----Original Message-----
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Trent
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 10:08 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: WAVKS Contest

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Hope this clarifies things for you .

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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This message has been scanned for viruses and
dangerous content by HYPERLINK "http://www.mailscanner.info/"MailScanner,
and is
believed to be clean.

Internal Virus Database is out-of-date.
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78. Re: WAVKS Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-22 02:51:38 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 74 Message: 78

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Trent" <vk4ti@...> wrote:
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> Paul,
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Paul vk2hv

79. Re: WAVKS Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-22 03:54:34 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 74 Message: 79

Yes Paul point taken

Trent Vk4TI

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80. Re: [vkshires] Re: WAVKS Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-22 05:47:46 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 74 Message: 80

Excuse me NOT SO MUCH OF THE OLD if u don't mind.
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Brenton Meadows-Motorola OEM GPS
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2009 10:01 AM
Subject: RE: [vkshires] Re: WAVKS Contest

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81. Photo Link Uploads -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-22 22:26:29 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 81 Message: 81

Please feel free to upload your Shire and radio related pictures to the Photos section- say old John moyle snaps - there is also a links section on the group that you can add links say if for example you find another Shire type award that I have overlooked. There will always be one !

We will be modifying the database section over the next weekend (hopefully) to allow posting of claimed Shires scores - for anyone over 20 Shires - that should mean anyone who uses a radio ...

Hope to see a few on the lead up contests -my definates are the John Moyle and the WPX SSB

Regards

Trent VK4TI

82. Codes for VK Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-24 05:52:52 UTC
From: rduckths
Topic: 82 Message: 82

I know Trent and Bill have done a large amount of work organising the VK Shires Contest and Awards and this is not meant to be a criticism. I assumed that the codes for the shires would be unique, at least within a state.
I realise that the numeric digit specifies the state and can then discriminate between two shires with the same two letters in different states. e.g. AC2 - Albury City Council (NSW) and AC5 - Port Augusta City Council (SA)
I think it will get confusing when two shires within the same state have the same code. e.g. BU2 - Bourke Shire Council (NSW) and BU2 - Burwood Council (NSW). On a quick look through I have noticed the following duplicated codes:
BU2 Bourke & Burwood
BY2 Blayney & Byron
CK6 Cocos Keeling & Cranbrook
CL2 Carrathool & Coolamon
CL6 Cottesloe & Cuballing
CR2 Cobar & Corowa
KI5 Kangaroo Island & Kimba
MB5?? District Council of Mount Barker & Mount Barker District Council
PH6 Perth City & Port Headland
WY2 Willoughby & Wyong

Is this an oversight in checking or is this not seen as a problem. For my 2 cents worth, I would rather see unique codes. I think it makes it easier for recording and checking.

regards

Robert VK2VRD

83. Re: [vkshires] Codes for VK Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-24 06:57:53 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 82 Message: 83

thank you Robert i am fixing it right now.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: rduckths
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2009 3:52 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Codes for VK Shires

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regards

Robert VK2VRD

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http://www.eset.com

84. Re: Codes for VK Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-24 11:58:11 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 82 Message: 84

Well spotted Robert and yes keep Bill on his toes. When I set up the shire list for the Worked all Queensland Shires it was Bill who pointed out a duplicate shire identifier to me. I don't envy Bill and Trent's task in setting up the VK shires list. I know just what is involved. I only had 73 shires to contend with after the Queensland Shire amalgamation not the 566 that Bill and Trent have to try and sort out.

73

Dale VK4DMC

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "rduckths" <rjd@...> wrote:
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> makes it easier for recording and checking.
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> regards

>
> Robert VK2VRD
>

85. Re: Codes for VK Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-24 23:13:17 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 82 Message: 85

Bill,

As soon as you "fix" the shires can you send copies to VKCL and Writelog ? It will only be a matter of time before they both chip us on the duplicates :-)

Trent

86. CONTEST STRATEGIES ?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-24 23:19:43 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 86 Message: 86

How would you tackle the VK Shires contest ? You need to work the world wide zones - you can miss the massive potential multipliers in VK - what will be your strategies ? Park on 15 and try and work as many JAs as possible ? May not be as good as working 40 M where most contacts mutiply your score by the numbers you have already worked ...Dont forget that each shire can be reworked on EVERY band and mode for a new multiplier...will you need to spend time on Phone and CW ? Or stick with one mode and jump bands often or say work 80 and 40 CW and higher bands SSB...

I am interested in everyones take on this ... for a future WIA broadcast...

Trent VK4TI

87. HEATH PASSED HIS CALLSIGN

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-25 10:15:37 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 87 Message: 87

HEATH PASSED HIS CALLSIGN
Hi Guys - just a short note Heath my youngest (18) passed his
foundation exam today. Regards Trent VK4TI

88. Re: [vkshires] HEATH PASSED HIS CALLSIGN

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-25 10:40:49 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 87 Message: 88

tell him well done..... another contester on his way.....

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Trent
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2009 8:15 PM
Subject: [vkshires] HEATH PASSED HIS CALLSIGN

HEATH PASSED HIS CALLSIGN
Hi Guys - just a short note Heath my youngest (18) passed his
foundation exam today. Regards Trent VK4TI

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89. AX5HRT is active from CO5 today

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-25 22:03:48 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 89 Message: 89

Hi guys

Just letting you know I'll be on all day today from CO5 Coorong District Council in country SA on 10, 15, 20 and 40

Have a special AX5HRT QSL card too

73s

Craig
AX5HRT

Stay connected to the people that matter most with a smarter inbox. Take a look
http://au.docs.yahoo.com/mail/smarterinbox

90. ZONE 29 SKED

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-26 03:14:38 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 90 Message: 90

Anyone out there who could come up from zone 29 for a qso with the girls at VP8>>>>>>>

If so email me urgently pse.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

91. test

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-26 03:33:13 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 91 Message: 91

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

92. zone 29

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-26 03:34:18 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 92 Message: 92

anyone in zone 29 who would like to sked with the YLs at VP8.....

email me urgently

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

93. RE: [vkshires] ZONE 29 SKED

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-26 03:52:02 UTC
From: John Ferrington VK6HZ
Topic: 90 Message: 93

I may be able to do that.or could organize it with one of the guys here!

John

De vk6hz

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Horner
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 12:15 PM
To: vk shires
Cc: odxginc
Subject: [vkshires] ZONE 29 SKED

Anyone out there who could come up from zone 29 for a qso with the girls at VP8>>>>>>>

If so email me urgently pse.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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94. Roma Regional Council

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-26 06:29:36 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 94 Message: 94

In a couple of months the Roma Regional Council may be no more.It might be replaced by the Maranoa Regional Council being that all the shires swept up by council amalgation weren't happy with the name of Roma.Only 1 person from Roma town was picked to go onto council and 3 persons from Bungil shire including the Mayor were elected with the remaining shires getting i person each.It was decided to hold a ballot a few months ago to see if the name should be changed to represent the regional area and not just the town of Roma.It appears that this was succesfull in getting the name changed but the final yea or nay comes from the Minister in charge of local councils.In the meantime the council employed a designer to design a new logo for the council which has proudly gone up with the logo ROMA REGIONAL COUNCIL on all the entrances into Roma and the surrounding towns in the area.I wonder if any other Amalgamated Councils have done the same thing as what has happened here in Roma.
PS Bill,you might have to burn the midnight oil to work out a new identifer for Maranoa
Cheers Bill VK4VHD in Roma/Maranoa???

95. a scam

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-26 07:09:20 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 95 Message: 95

Worth taking note of.

For your info: heads-up
This one is pretty slick since they provide YOU with all the information,except the one piece they want.

Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. This information is worth reading. By understanding how the VISA & MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you' ll be better prepared to protect
Yourself.

One of our employees was called on Wednesday from 'VISA', and I was called on Thursday from 'Master Card'. The scam works like this: Caller: 'This is (name), and I'm calling from the security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calli ng to verify. This would be on your VISA card which
Was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for $497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona ?'

When you say 'No', the caller continues with, 'Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from $297 to $497, just under the $500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?'

You say 'yes'. The caller continues - 'I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1- 800 number
Listed on the back of y our card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security.'

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number 'Do you need me to read it again?'

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, 'I need to verify you are in possession of your card'. He'll ask you to 'turn your card over and look for some numbers'. There are 7 numbers; the first 4
Are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, 'That i s correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?' After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, 'Don't hesitate to call back if you do, and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department
Told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of $497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account.
VISA is reissuing us a new number.
What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card; Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they
Already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit.
However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a 'Jason Richardson of Master Card' with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening

Please pass this on to all your family and friends. By informing
each other, we protect each other.

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96. Re: [vkshires] Roma Regional Council

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-26 07:14:46 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 94 Message: 96

Personally I do not think the shire name will change because of the costs involved.
Government ministers have been told to tighten their belts......
If it does change we will alter the name of the shire etc.

Nice to hear from u Bill, I trust u and the family are well and u have been getting some rain etc.
cheers mate.

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97. Re: [vkshires] a scam

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-27 13:58:43 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 95 Message: 97

Bill
Thanks for the heads up.
What'll they think of next?..... Gotta giv 'em A for effort! Hi Hi.

Regards
Peter VK8HPB

_____
From: Bill Horner <vk4fw@...>
To: vk shires <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, 26 January, 2009 4:39:20 PM
Subject: [vkshires] a scam

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You say 'yes'.. The caller continues - 'I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1- 800 number
Listed on the back of y our card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security.'

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number 'Do you need me to read it again?'

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, 'I need to verify you are in possession of your card'. He'll ask you to 'turn your card over and look for some numbers'. There are 7 numbers; the first 4

Are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, 'That i s correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?' After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, 'Don't hesitate to call back if you do, and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The REAL VISA Security Department
Told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of $497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account.
VISA is reissuing us a new number.
What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card; Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they
Already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit.
However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a 'Jason Richardson of Master Card' with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening

Please pass this on to all your family and friends. By informing
each other, we protect each other.

Bill Horner
PO Box
612
Childers
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Australia

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98. Re: Roma Regional Council

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-27 22:28:59 UTC
From: vkdxmaster
Topic: 94 Message: 98

Toowoomba Shire took in many different councils and although to
begin with people complained about the name it has still remained
Toowoomba Shire.

Not really sure what difference it makes as the towns still have
their own names. I think Bill's right and the Roma Shire name will
remain.

Andrew VK4HAM

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
>
> Personally I do not think the shire name will change because of
the costs involved. Government ministers have been told to tighten
their belts......
> If it does change we will alter the name of the shire etc.
>
> Nice to hear from u Bill, I trust u and the family are well and u
have been getting some rain etc.
> cheers mate.
>
> Bill Horner
> PO Box 612
> Childers
> 4660
> Australia
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Bill
> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 4:29 PM
> Subject: [vkshires] Roma Regional Council
>
>
> In a couple of months the Roma Regional Council may be no more.It
> might be replaced by the Maranoa Regional Council being that all
the
> shires swept up by council amalgation weren't happy with the
name of
> Roma.Only 1 person from Roma town was picked to go onto council
and 3
> persons from Bungil shire including the Mayor were elected with
the
> remaining shires getting i person each.It was decided to hold a
ballot
> a few months ago to see if the name should be changed to
represent the

> regional area and not just the town of Roma.It appears that this
was
> succesfull in getting the name changed but the final yea or nay
comes
> from the Minister in charge of local councils.In the meantime the
> council employed a designer to design a new logo for the council
which
> has proudly gone up with the logo ROMA REGIONAL COUNCIL on all
the
> entrances into Roma and the surrounding towns in the area.I
wonder if
> any other Amalgamated Councils have done the same thing as what
has
> happened here in Roma.
> PS Bill,you might have to burn the midnight oil to work out a new
> identifer for Maranoa
> Cheers Bill VK4VHD in Roma/Maranoa???
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99. VK Shires Award.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-28 00:49:11 UTC
From: Richard
Topic: 99 Message: 99

Is there a VK Shires award running also or is this just a contest based on one day a year?

I heard some one the other day collecting VK shires for an award.

Cheers

Richard

100. Re: VK Shires Award.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-28 00:55:35 UTC
From: vk3bgh
Topic: 99 Message: 100

Yes Richard,

Check WAVKS.doc in the files section.

73, Graeme

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Richard" <richardneilsen@...> wrote:
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> Cheers
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> Richard
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101. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires Award.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-28 01:59:42 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 99 Message: 101

2 seperate things but u can of course use ur contest qsos to chase new shires.
A full list is available as a downl;oadable file from this site or from www.vkshires.info or from the WIA site under contests.
cheers
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Richard
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 10:49 AM
Subject: [vkshires] VK Shires Award.

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on one day a year?

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102. Re: VK Shires Award Application

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-28 02:04:55 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 102 Message: 102
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Congratulations to Bernie VK4EJ for being the first person to send me his log for the WAVKSA..... incredible,
I must inform u all that the actual certificates are not even designed as yet and this week on the WIA news there will be an announcement regarding that.
I have actually attached the file onto here (only I do not think yahoo will permit it) so if anyone would like a copy send me an email.

We are also investigating having a self logging system on the site where we can all read it and only individuals can actually write to it.

Again Bernie congratulations.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Bernie McIvor
To: Bill Horner
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 11:36 AM
Subject: VK Shires Award Application

Hi Bill,
Please find attached, My application for WAVKS/50
I hope all is in order & this attached file is sufficient...

If so I will forward you the $5 fee for the award.....

Bernie VK4EJ

Bill, I worked enough on Australia Day to apply for the first leg, The interest in the award and also the amount of guys who already knew about it was amazing. I really think this Award will generate interest, provided it is advertised regularly.....

OK Mate, It would be nice to get an early certificate for this one, I sacrificed working Euros etc with the AX to generate interest in this Award, Guys were looking up their Shire codes & calling me back to give me them etc.... I worked quite a few that had no idea of what shire they were in & that did not surprise me,Hi... But once asked, the might take the time to find out....

OK Mate, Thanks for looking my application over.....Bernie VK4EJ

PS. I won't be going to Wyong.

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103. Score for rover stations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-28 02:50:58 UTC
From: kolashire
Topic: 103 Message: 103

Hi all,

I would like to confirm the way the score is calculated for roving stations in VK Shires contest.

The rules say "The Rover who moves into a new SHIRE may count the same MULTIPLIER more than once per band as long as the Rover is in a new SHIRE location. ", which implies to me that for the rover station, all contacts are summed (irrespective from which activated shire) and all multipliers are summed (again irrespective) and then the score is calculated by multiplying the two together.

An alternative would be to calculate the score for each activated shire and then sum those scores for the final result.

The first method is easier to implement and I think it is the one intended.

Any comments?

73,
Mike, VK3AVV

104. Re: [vkshires] Score for rover stations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-28 03:34:51 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 103 Message: 104

yes mike u are right it is the first one.

I am not sure how to reword that section, I will think on it, menatime any suggestions from the group would be appreciated.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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----- Original Message -----
From: kolashire
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 12:50 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Score for rover stations

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105. Re: Score for rover stations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-28 09:40:31 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 103 Message: 105

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station, all contacts are summed (irrespective from which activated
shire) and all multipliers are summed (again irrespective) and then
the score is calculated by multiplying the two together.

Added to the descritpion

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> Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 12:50 PM
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> Mike, VK3AVV
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106. A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 00:57:43 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 106 Message: 106

Trent/Bill,

I have been asked the following question by a ham who lives in Weipa.

START QUOTE:

"Dale,

Does this mean that because I am not in a shire, that I am not able to locate myself in a shire such as Napranum, Mapoon or Aurukun for this contest?

I see it states that the transmitter / receiver must be within 500 m diameter of your licensed address?"
END QUOTE

If he works from home in Weipa it means that he cannot give out a shire identifier. Obviously if he is operating portable (rover) from other shires he can claim those shires.

I also note that in the rules it states:

"Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted for VK stations which means the rest of the world can operate above 3.700 mhz. ie. split operation"

I am not too sure what you mean by this as under my licence I can operate between 3.776MHz ☐ 3800MHz.

Does this mean that I cannot operate in the 75 metre DX window for the contest or award?

Your thoughts please.

cheers

Dale VK4DMC

107. Re: [vkshires] A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 01:20:17 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 106 Message: 107

Last things first.

75m operation.......

The award can be worked on any band that you are licensed to operate which in your case means the dx window.. The contest rules however state that NO VKs are permitted to TX in the dx window. We did this to stay in line with standard license regulations to give everyone the same band spectrum to tx on. You can of course work split operation during the contest. So for the contest there is no dx window available to VK but outside the contest work them as you see fit according to your license.

Now for the curly one.......

Weipa as we know at this stage does not count for any actual shire..... we thought long and hard about actually including it in the vk shires list but fully realised that it would be totally out of line with the government policies as well as also undermine the WAQSA....... both of which we wanted no part of.
Of course as you know there are some moves afoot for the QLD government to change the policies for Weipa but this may take a while yet to be finalised let alone be implimented. When this actually takes place I firmly believe it will automatically become part of Napranum Shire.

So how do we solve the current problem with amateurs that actually live in Weipa???
Obviously we can not just allocate a shire to fit Weipa in, that would not be right. I am sure that the WAQSA administration would also be against just allocating a shire to Weipa so no the operator can not suddenly say he is in Napranum or Mapoon etc unless he or she actually goes into one of those shire areas.
Whilst I fully understand that unless the operator is prepared to set up their equipment for a portable or mobile crack at the contest, it means they can not partake from Weipa as a shire we can not just bend a rule to suit the occassion.
As you know everyone who wishes to go portable is permitted to start assembling the station from 00.00utc on the Friday before the contest so there is ample time for that to happen.

Whilst I expect that the operators that live in Weipa itself will not be pleased with the outcome, at this stage unless we get some documentational support that the QLD Government are going to fit Weipa into a shire or allocate a shire to it we have no alternative but to leave Weipa out.

cheers

Bill Horner
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----- Original Message -----
From: Dale McCarthy

To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 10:57 AM
Subject: [vkshires] A couple of questions.

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108. Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 04:15:53 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 106 Message: 108

Bill,

thanks for your prompt response.

Re: the 75 metre DX window. I cannot understand the rationale behind this rule. I understand when you say that it makes for a level playing field for Standard Licencees but using this rationale should not the 20 metre band be excluded as Foundation Licencees cannot operate there?

Another question on frequencies. Why isn't the full band allocation allowed in the 40, 20, 15 and 10 metre bands?

As for the Weipa fiasco. The Weipa Township is unlikely to be included in the Queensland Local Government Act for at least four years and when and if it does happen it will be a new shire. The Weipa township will not be incorporated into the Napranum Aboriginal Shire.

As you are probably aware Rio Tinto Australia, the mine operators in Weipa have more serious matters to contend with at the present time, many of the employees in Weipa are not too sure of their future let alone concerning themselves in Local Government matters.

Surely if a ham was to operate from Weipa he/she could claim the shires worked but sadly could not reciprocate with a shire indentifier. I am encouraging the couple of hams in Weipa to go portable and activate, Napranum, Mapoon, Aurukun and the Cook shires. These are all within relatively short distance from Weipa Township.

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109. Re: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 04:47:19 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 106 Message: 109

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regards
Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

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110. Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 06:22:46 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 106 Message: 110

G'day again Bill,

So what you are saying if I was in Weipa I could not work in the contest. But if I was in Afghanistan I could?

According to my contact at the Weipa Town Office, who I spoke to again today, Weipa will not be part of Napranum Aboriginal Shire. If and when Weipa Township is given Local Government Status it will be a stand alone shire. Time will tell.

As for reference to the Jack Files Contest I have nothing to do with the administration of the contest. The contest manager is John Spooner VK4AJS.

Under the Worked all Queensland Shires Rules a station operating from Weipa Township could work other shires and claim such shire towards the award.

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111. Re: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 08:45:41 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 106 Message: 111

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If Weipa is not a shire then it can not suddenly be allocated as one.

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Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
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Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Dale McCarthy
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 4:22 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

G'day again Bill,

So what you are saying if I was in Weipa I could not work in the contest. But if I was in Afghanistan I could?

According to my contact at the Weipa Town Office, who I spoke to again today, Weipa will not be part of Napranum Aboriginal Shire. If and when Weipa Township is given Local Government Status it will be a stand alone shire. Time will tell.

As for reference to the Jack Files Contest I have nothing to do with the administration of the contest. The contest manager is John Spooner VK4AJS.

Under the Worked all Queensland Shires Rules a station operating from Weipa Township could work other shires and claim such shire towards the award.

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
>
> Ok firstly the foundation licensees have a seperate category within

the contest.
>
> Full band allocations..... many is a time when I have heard complaints from people about how these bloody contesters have taken over the bands..... well they will have nil to complain about with this contest..... we are not using entire allocations on any band.
>
> There is nothing that stops anyone from participating in the contest, but for someone to be active from Weipa and not be able to give out a shire would not only confuse everyone but it would be pointless.
>
> Dale as you are one of the administrators of WAQSA I would ask you what do you intend to let happen for the JFC and for the award..... you are unable to allow for Weipa to count for the JFC or the WAQSA as the rules stand.....
>
> If we permit a special circumstance for Weipa to count for anything it would be Napranum purely as it is basically surrounded by that shire and Weipa will never become a shire all by itself, it will be amalagmated with Napranum and I believe that is what it will be called.. in saying that at this stage there is no intention of making a special circumstance..... is WAQSA going to make a special circumstance??
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112. Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 10:19:35 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 106 Message: 112

G'day yet again Bill,

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The really good thing is that these guys are very close to some of the very rare shires in Queensland.

As for seeing just what ham stations are in any given area you can simply do a postcode search on the ACMA site.

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113. Re: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 10:39:39 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 106 Message: 113

I fully realise that I can go to ACMA database and find out who and how many..... but the ACMA databsae does not give me valid email addresses. As you obviously are in contact with these persons I suggest that you give them my details seeing as how you have not given me theirs.

At no time has it been stated that they are not Aussie Hams and at no stage has it been said that they can not operate in the contest or chase the award however it realistically will be a problem for them trying to operate in the contest from Weipa..... I personally would not like to explain why I can not give out a shire multiplyer to the multitude of contesters.

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114. Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 11:24:14 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 106 Message: 114

Also note that the ACMA databast lists the "Postal Address" of the licencee, not the station address. Unless both the mailing and station address are one and the same, the results may not be reliable.

I've been watching this thread and all signs so far point to this likely escalating. My 2c worth on this matter is to find out how many stations there are in that area and get them to make contact regarding this issue

115. Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 12:49:20 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 106 Message: 115

G'day yet again Bill,

I have already given the details of the VK-Shires Contest and Award to one ham in Weipa, there are two as you have probably already ascertained from ACMA and his response was the trigger for this thread. I have been mentoring this person to get him to advanced level.

I will not put his details onto a public forum such as this without his consent. If he has chosen not to join this chat group then that is his decision and I respect it.I will be talking with him tomorrow to let him know the outcomes of discussions.

David,

I have no intention of this thread escalating past the point where it is now. I have asked some questions and got answers from Bill.

cheers Dale VK4DMC

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116. Re: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 23:24:05 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 106 Message: 116

The couple of ops residing in Weipa may have issue in not having the convenience of a home station to operate the contest, but they will probably enjoy being the most popular chaps on the air when they go portable in any of the adjacent shires.

73,
Luke VK3HJ

117. VK3 Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-29 23:26:36 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 106 Message: 117

Hello again,
Curiously, I have worked some 55 cities and shires for the Vic LGA, but still haven't worked many of the LGAs in Melbourne!

I'd better pull my finger out and start logging for VK Shires.

FYI I am mobile most days, and regularly travel Mitchell, Hume, Melton, Hepburn, Mt Alexander, Central Goldfields, Greater Bendigo, Ballarat shires, and reside in Macedon Ranges shire. I usually operate around 7070 kHz.

73,
Luke VK3HJ

118. Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-30 00:02:09 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 106 Message: 118

G'day Luke,

Yep, that's the plan Hi Hi!

Will listen out for you on 7070

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119. shires etc

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-30 01:00:50 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 119 Message: 119

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I have all the hf gear and have set my antenna for 40m at the moment.(its a multiband so i will try 20m etc)
I will see how many shires I can activate in the next week or so whilst away.

My 40m freq will be 7.088

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120. shires etc

Yahoo group: vkshires
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Topic: 119 Message: 120

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121. SD Logger Now available for VK Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-30 01:37:47 UTC
From: Dx Master
Topic: 121 Message: 121

Message from Paul:

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Enter a name for your contest file, say SHIRE, and select
the "VK Shires, VK" template - use Page Down to access the
second page of template options.

Fill in the name and address details (you only have to do
this once), indicate your Mode (the mode you're using now)
and you will then see the logging screen.

Log as many test QSOs as you wish. Enter is recommended
after every field (not Space or Tab). You can change band
with the B10, B20 etc commands, and mode with the SSB or
CW commands. With rig control enabled, SD follows the
rig's band and mode.

To see the multiplier status of any shire, type its
code in the callsign field, for example CO2. Nothing
else is needed (no other keystrokes). Clear the
callsign field with Esc or Minus.

As you type calls, an M above the call means it will
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When you type a VK call that has been worked on another
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Shire - it's completely
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contest name - say SHIREDX, and selecting the "VK Shires, DX"
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Only QSOs with VK will count for points and mults, and
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Any questions or problems, please let me know. You can use
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SD runs on Windows, on Linux/Wine, and on Apple Mac with
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Please add a note to this effect to the vkshires website.
73,
Paul EI5DI

122. Re: SD Logger Now available for VK Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-01-31 07:24:34 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 121 Message: 122

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123. Re: SD Logger Now available for VK Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-01 10:34:42 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 121 Message: 123

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124. Graphical Map

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-01 11:32:05 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 124 Message: 124

G'day!

Is there a graphical map available for the VK Shires at all? or is one going to be created. I personally like to have maps to see things at a glance.

Cheers,
Dave

125. Re: [vkshires] Graphical Map

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-01 12:05:09 UTC
From: trentb@sampson.net.au
Topic: 124 Message: 125

Hi dave. There are a few features on the drawing board - an interactive logger and auto uploading of ad if files are on the wish list so the answer is no not yet but definatly on the way Trent vk4ti
Sent from my BlackBerry® from Optus

-----Original Message-----
From: "vk3ldr" <roity57@gmail.com>

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Date: 2009-02-01 12:50:43 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 121 Message: 126

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127. Re: SD Logger Now available for VK Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-02 10:04:19 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 121 Message: 127

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> > > > Fill in the name and address details (you only have to do
> > > > this once), indicate your Mode (the mode you're using now)
> > > > and you will then see the logging screen.
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> > > > Log as many test QSOs as you wish. Enter is recommended
> > > > after every field (not Space or Tab). You can change band
> > > > with the B10, B20 etc commands, and mode with the SSB or
> > > > CW commands. With rig control enabled, SD follows the
> > > > rig's band and mode.
> > > >
> > > > To see the multiplier status of any shire, type its
> > > > code in the callsign field, for example CO2. Nothing
> > > > else is needed (no other keystrokes). Clear the
> > > > callsign field with Esc or Minus.
> > > >
> > > > As you type calls, an M above the call means it will
> > > > be a multiplier if logged.
> > > >
> > > > When you type a VK call that has been worked on another
> > > > band or mode, you'll instantly see separate worked/wanted
> tables
> > > for both the call and the Shire - it's completely
> > > > automatic. As you log QSOs, SD displays a Zone or Shire
> > > > summary corresponding to the QSO logged.
> > > >
> > > > You can try the DX option by restarting SD with a different
> > > >
> > > >
> > > > contest name - say SHIREDX, and selecting the "VK Shires, DX"
> > > > template.
> > > >
> > > > Only QSOs with VK will count for points and mults, and
> > > > non-VK calls will display in red to alert users.
> > > >
> > > > Any questions or problems, please let me know. You can use
> > > > SDCHECK (included with SD) to produce a Cabrillo log.
> > > >
> > > > SD runs on Windows, on Linux/Wine, and on Apple Mac with
> > > > Bootcamp or Parallels. It is free from www.ei5di.com.
> > > > Please add a note to this effect to the vkshires website.
> > > > 73,
> > > > Paul EI5DI
> > > >
> > >
> > tried SD logger and it keeps saying file not found
> >
>
yes it is all ok now,,the download was not completed ????

128. Re: Graphical Map

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-02 10:31:11 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 124 Message: 128

Well fellas, I did a little homework of my own and found quite a few useful sources from various government websites etc. Most of them had some good static or interactive maps of state councils. I don't know if there's a nation wide map though, that's more what I was after. Something like your typical Amateur world map.

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http://vic.gov.au

NSW:
http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg_regions.asp?regiontype=0
http://nsw.gov.au/

QLD:
http://gis.qld.gov.au/iqed/map/#
http://qld.gov.au/

South Australia:
http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=209
http://sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm

Northern Territory:
http://www.localgovernment.nt.gov.au/new/shire_boundaries
http://nt.gov.au/

Western Australia:
http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/Publications/StatInfo/RegionMaps.asp#wa
http://wa.gov.au

Tasmania:
http://www.councilconnect.tas.gov.au/councilc/selectCouncil/selectCouncil.do?path=%2FhomePage%2FcouncilServices
http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=221
http://tas.gov.au

Australian Capital Territory:
http://www.tams.act.gov.au/play/parks_forests_and_reserves/parkslakesa

ndponds/regionmaps
http://act.gov.au

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Shires of Australia: http://www.statoids.com/yau.html
Australian Shire Councils:
http://www.dropbears.com/l/links/shire_councils.htm

Australian Local Government Association:
http://www.alga.asn.au/links/obc.php

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> From: "vk3ldr" <roity57@...>
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> Date: Sun, 01 Feb 2009 11:32:05
> To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
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129. Re: [vkshires] Re: Graphical Map

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-02 11:03:34 UTC
From: trentb@sampson.net.au
Topic: 124 Message: 129

Thanks dave great effort un
Trent vk4ti
Sent from my BlackBerry® from Optus

-----Original Message-----
From: "vk3ldr" <roity57@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, 02 Feb 2009 10:31:11
To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Graphical Map

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http://vic.gov.au

NSW:
http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/dlg_regions.asp?regiontype=0
http://nsw.gov.au/

QLD:
http://gis.qld.gov.au/iqed/map/#
http://qld.gov.au/

South Australia:
http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=209
http://sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm

Northern Territory:
http://www.localgovernment.nt.gov.au/new/shire_boundaries
http://nt.gov.au/

Western Australia:
http://www.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/Publications/StatInfo/RegionMaps.asp#wa
http://wa.gov.au

Tasmania:
http://www.councilconnect.tas.gov.au/councilc/selectCouncil/selectCoun
cil.do?path=%2FhomePage%2FcouncilServices
http://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=221
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130. VK SHIRES; WYONG SUNDAY & MAPS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-04 20:28:41 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 130 Message: 130

Hello Shire Hunters,

Bill VK4FW will be in attendance at Wyong this year. Please take time out to catch up with Bill to give him some feedback on anything you feel may improve the VK SHIRES system.

* We would love to find someone proficient in creating maps in Google Maps to give us an online interactive MAP ! Anyone know anyone we could approach ?

Trent VK4TI

131. VK2 Local Government Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-05 04:46:41 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 131 Message: 131

ARNSW has launched a new award to be known as the "VK2 Local Government Award". The award is for licensed amateurs and short wave listeners anywhere to contact or log amateurs in VK2. There are currently 152 local government areas in New South Wales from the Tweed Shire Council in the north to Bega Valley Shire Council in the south and Wentworth Shire Council in the west as well as the large "unincorporated area" north of Broken Hill.

The details will be ARNSW website in a few days, but get those pencils ready and start collecting local government areas for your VK2 contacts from the 1st of January 2009. Also spend a few minutes and work out what council area you live in.

CONTACT eter O'Connell VK2EMU

132. IS THERE A VK5 SHIRES / LOCAL Govt. AWARD ?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-05 04:50:55 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 132 Message: 132

Trent VK4TI

133. Re: [vkshires] IS THERE A VK5 SHIRES / LOCAL Govt. AWARD ?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-07 01:00:26 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 132 Message: 133

G'Day Trent

Not that I know of. But if there are any other interested VK5 hams, I'd be keen to get involved in running such an award

73s

Craig
VK5HRT

From: Trent <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, 5 February, 2009 3:20:55 PM
Subject: [vkshires] IS THERE A VK5 SHIRES / LOCAL Govt. AWARD ?

Trent VK4TI

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134. VK9NS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-10 08:24:09 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 134 Message: 134

14000.0^VK9NS^10-Feb-2009^0756^Jim - Silent Key - RIP

this just appeared on the DX cluster

Paul vk2hv

135. Re: [vkshires] VK9NS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-10 10:05:49 UTC
From: Tom Hatton
Topic: 134 Message: 135

RIP Jim -.-
  Tom VK4ATH

From: Paul <vk2hvpaul@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, 10 February, 2009 6:24:09 PM
Subject: [vkshires] VK9NS

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Paul vk2hv

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136. Re: VK9NS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-11 00:05:21 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 134 Message: 136

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Tom Hatton <vk4ath@...> wrote:
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> RIP Jim -.-
> Tom VK4ATH
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> Paul vk2hv

I was just speaking to Kirsty on the phone and Jim just turned 80,his illness was very severe but passed away peacefully.We have lost a TRUE gentleman.I know this is not the place for this but there are many friends of Jim's that read this and i am one of them.

Avale Jim Smith (VK9NS) and all our thoughts and prayers are with Kirsty and there families..

If you want to pass on your condolences,you can email Kirsty at the following email...jimkirsti@... or phone 0011-6-7232-2437

Paul vk2hv

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137. Re: [vkshires] VK SHIRES; WYONG SUNDAY & MAPS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-12 09:37:33 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 130 Message: 137

yes Wyong was great as I was able to catch many..... I had not been for over 10 years. I spent a lot of time at the ATRC stand helping Les and his family catering to the many amateurs that enjoy his business..... take a look at www.atrc.com.au and do not hesitate to call me if I can help.
I am now back home.
cheers
----- Original Message -----
From: Trent
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 7:28 AM
Subject: [vkshires] VK SHIRES; WYONG SUNDAY & MAPS

Hello Shire Hunters,

Bill VK4FW will be in attendance at Wyong this year. Please take time out to catch up with Bill to give him some feedback on anything you feel may improve the VK SHIRES system.

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Trent VK4TI

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138. Re: [vkshires] VK2 Local Government Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-12 09:38:46 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 131 Message: 138

this is great news , we will soon have a national as well as every state doing a state award and these will all be a major help to each other.
I will be happy to help anyone who needs assistance creating a state wide award.
regards
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From: Trent
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2009 3:46 PM
Subject: [vkshires] VK2 Local Government Award

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139. Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-12 13:01:15 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 106 Message: 139

Bill/ Dale..

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Open to anyone to contribute a sensible way forward

Trent VK4TI

140. Re: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-12 13:46:29 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 106 Message: 140

The Qld government are currently in consultation with delegates from Weipa. They are currently trying to decide what shire Weipa will actually fall under. Delegates from Weipa have already been informed that Weipa will not be a shire by itself and that it will either fall under the shire of Cook or Napranum. At this time there is much debate and I frankly do not really expect to see the change take place before our innaugural contest, however I trust that we will have more information on what Weipa will fall under.
Under the rules of the VK4 award, Weipa is in no way counted for any shire.
There is 3 operators that actually live in Weipa and I understand that only 2 of them are even remotely active. Despite requesting that they contact me I have received nil response.

I am aware that Dale VK4DMC is trying to encourage them to go portable in Napranum shire but I have no further knowledge of this.

I firmly believe that until the QLD government make the necessary changes, Weipa can not be counted as a shire for either the contest or the award.

As for Hutt River Province, as many of you would know years ago I was somewhat involved in checking if in fact this could have been a new dxcc.
I opted out of the project when we had a major conflict with the man who in fact owns the whole area. He wants the glory but did not wish to follow proceedures to get a legal sanction, and whilst this is long buried I can tell you that all he had to do was pay the money to become an ITU member and Hutt River would have become a seperate dxcc.....
So in a nutshell Hutt River is genuinely part of Australia but again is not in any shire according to the owners but in fact is part of a shire in WA.

Weipa is the only place on the map that is not in a shire.....

So to me the uniform answer is

our rules fall in line with government policy for both the award and the contest.

regards

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: Trent
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2009 11:01 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

Bill/ Dale..

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141. Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-12 22:27:54 UTC
From: Bill Main
Topic: 106 Message: 141

Hi Guys

Personally, I think that rather than try to be all inclusive and unnecessarily complex there should be a simple rule: If you are in a recognised shire you count for a point, if you are not then you dont. So the answer for those who arent in a shire is to do themselves and everyone else a favour and go portable to a rare shire.

Bill VK4ZD

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142. Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-13 01:42:54 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 106 Message: 142

Trent,
I really don't think that you need to get bogged down with whether or not Weipa is or will be a shire.
As you are probably aware I lived in Weipa 1978 □ 1984. The same discussion about Local Government was being held then between the then mine owners Comalco and the Bjelke Petersen Government could not come to an agreement then. Nothing has changed. The Weipa Town Authority still operates under the "Commonwealth Aluminium Corporation Pty Limited Agreement Act 1957" it is unlikely that this will change in the foreseeable future. The current mine operators have much bigger problems to deal with and as it is an election year I would imagine that the Queensland Government has other priorities to deal with. My contact at the Weipa Town Authority, a senior staffer, thinks that it is highly unlikely that things will change for some time yet.
As for the Weipa Town Authority amalgamating with Napranum Aboriginal Shire it is unlikely to happen. Napranum along with all other Aboriginal shires has totally different funding arrangements with both federal and State Governments. The most likely scenario is that the Weipa town Authority will amalgamate with Cook shire. When? Who knows.
There are only two licensed amateurs living in Weipa and only one of those is active. The one guy that I talk to on a regular basis is well aware of the shire situation and not overly worried about it. He will in, the not too distant future, travel to nearby shires to activate them for the Worked all Queensland Shires Award. When this happens I will, of course post the info on this site.

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Dale VK4DMC

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143. Re: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-13 03:02:39 UTC
From: trentb@sampson.net.au
Topic: 106 Message: 143

Dale thanks for that I wanting to find a blanket rule that covers all anomalies • The reality is we are collecting shires therefore if its not a shire there is nothing to collect.
Sent from my BlackBerry® from Optus

-----Original Message-----
From: "Dale McCarthy" <vk4dmc@wia.org.au>

Date: Fri, 13 Feb 2009 01:42:54
To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [vkshires] Re: A couple of questions.

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144. news.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-14 03:05:47 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 144 Message: 144

VK5NJ has recommended to the administration that we should have a special trophy to encourage the use of CW in the contest. After careful consideration the administration have decided to accept his offer and as such there will be a trophy awarded as per the details below.

The VK5NJ Trophy: Will be awarded to the station who makes the highest number of CW qsos during the contest no matter what category they are in. Please note this has nil to do with actual points and multipliers, it is strictly the actual number of CW qsos made.

On top of that the Administration has also decided to make another special trophy.
This trophy will be known as

Most Valued Contester(s):

The administration will award this trophy to the person(s) that they feel has done the very best they could for the betterment of the contest. This may be in the form of a club activation of a remote shire for example or a person travelling to the most shires - ultimately it will be to those who the administration feels did the best to add value to a particular years contest.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

145. CERTIFICATES FOR VK AWARDS -URGENT

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-18 20:48:33 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 145 Message: 145

Greetings All,

We really need the artists amongst us to design the awards for both the contest and the awards - Is anyone artistically trained enough to create an award certificate ?

Trent VK4TI

146. Re: [vkshires] news.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-23 02:23:51 UTC
From: philhss@tpg.com.au
Topic: 144 Message: 146

Bill,

I wrote a piece for AR on the contest for the up-coming edition. It got canned for this month due to
space restrictions but I've been assured that it will come out in time for the contest. The contest
will be mentioned within the AR magazine this coming month but not in as much detail as I'd originally hoped for.

Such is life.

Cheers,

Phil
VK4BAA

Quoting Bill Horner <vk4fw@...>:

> VK5NJ has recommended to the administration that we should have a
> special trophy to encourage the use of CW in the contest. After
> careful consideration the administration have decided to accept his
> offer and as such there will be a trophy awarded as per the details
> below.
>
> The VK5NJ Trophy: Will be awarded to the station who makes the
> highest number of CW qsos during the contest no matter what category
> they are in. Please note this has nil to do with actual points and
> multipliers, it is strictly the actual number of CW qsos made.
>
> On top of that the Administration has also decided to make another
> special trophy.
> This trophy will be known as
>
> Most Valued Contester(s):
>
> The administration will award this trophy to the person(s) that they
> feel has done the very best they could for the betterment of the
> contest. This may be in the form of a club activation of a remote
> shire for example or a person travelling to the most shires -
> ultimately it will be to those who the administration feels did the
> best to add value to a particular years contest.
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>
>
> Bill Horner
> PO Box 612

> Childers
> 4660
> Australia

147. ADIF vs CABRILLO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-24 20:39:31 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 147 Message: 147

When we setup the rules for the VK Shires www.vkshires.info we thought that Cabrillo should be the standard log - as this is in common use worldwide in major contests...We have found it frustrating to contact anyone who has expertise in the area of Cabrillo - So prior to the contest I am wondering about alternatives...there are plenty of Cabrillo/ADIF convertors...ADIF offers another advantage in that it will be used in a future proposed database of shires worked - what is the general feeling regarding either format ?

Trent VK4TI

148. Re: [vkshires] ADIF vs CABRILLO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-24 23:45:10 UTC
From: Paul O'Kane
Topic: 147 Message: 148

----- Original Message -----
From: "Trent" <vk4ti@...>

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> in the area of Cabrillo

I have experience of Cabrillo in contesting since 2000 - you can
contact me off-list.

73,
Paul EI5DI

149. Re: [vkshires] ADIF vs CABRILLO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-24 23:58:10 UTC
From: trentb@sampson.net.au
Topic: 147 Message: 149

thanks paul will do
Sent from my BlackBerry® from Optus

-----Original Message-----
From: "Paul O'Kane" <pokane@ei5di.com>

Date: Tue, 24 Feb 2009 23:45:10
To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: Re: [vkshires] ADIF vs CABRILLO

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150. Re: ADIF vs CABRILLO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-25 01:05:38 UTC
From: Bill Main
Topic: 147 Message: 150

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151. Re: ADIF vs CABRILLO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-25 06:52:24 UTC
From: kolashire
Topic: 147 Message: 151

Hi all,

The problem is not implementing Cabrillo format into logging programs as I am sure that every logging program would have Cabrillo and ADIF already implemented if the program was of any use to anyone.

The problem Trent has is to find suitable software for use by contest managers to analyse the Cabrillo logs sent in after the contest.

When I was looking for information to implement Cabrillo in VKCL some years ago, I saw a refernce to software for that purpose available to contest managers, but I can't remeber where that was. Apparently Trent has problems in contacting people regarding that software.

Cabrillo is a much better format for contest logs, as it is visually informative, fairly standard, and hopefully that software will come to light eventually.

ADIF is OK for transfer of data from, for example, contest logging program and the normal station logging program, but it is very verbose and difficult to read visually. I have never heard anyone using it for log output, so it is even less likely that it would be possible to find software to analyse contest logs in ADIF format.

I may as well take this opportunity to say that implementation of VK Shires contest in VKCL is almost complete and the Beta should be ready by end of February or soon after. If anyone would like to try it out, please send me email to vkcl@... and I will return a copy when it is ready. The file will be .exe unless you request a .zip file.

73,
Mike, VK3AVV

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152. Re: ADIF vs CABRILLO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-26 22:26:27 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 147 Message: 152

We have had very good feedback from Trey Garlough N5KO the originator of Cabrillo and others to help us impliment the log checking - this is now underway and we will be definatley using Cabrillo as the standard - as an additional bounus Bruce Horn of http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/ has offered to setup log forms for those with paper logs to enter them online - this is a huge advanatage as it means that everyone will be able to send in "electronic" logs so there will be no loss of points caused by scrappy handwriting...

The effort was worthwhile in terms of we gained a great insight as to the problems of log checking systems

Thanks to everyone for their help on this..

Regards

Trent VK4TI

153. Re: [vkshires] Re: ADIF vs CABRILLO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-26 22:39:37 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 147 Message: 153
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Congratulations Trent, I know you have been working very hard to make sure this happens.
The utilization of paper logs being permitted via a web site where people have to type their log in is magic because that will alleviate the problem of being mobile for any extended length of time with a laptop battery going flat.....

And as u say no more scrappy hand writing.

When all of it is set up I will adjust the rules to reflect how paper logs can be submitted.
regards
Bill

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154. Re: ADIF vs CABRILLO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-26 22:51:29 UTC
From: Bill Main
Topic: 147 Message: 154

Excellent job Trent

The professional way in which this contest is being prepared will create a firm foundation for its longevity. Very Well done.

Regards

Bill Main VK4ZD

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155. W3KM Logger Added to contest list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-28 02:42:17 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 155 Message: 155

W3KM has added VK SHires to his software -

NB this programme does not offer rig interface so more suited for the
single op using older rigs :-)

Worth a download and a look see, its a nice programme..

Trent VK4TI

156. W3KM Logger Added to contest list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-02-28 21:23:43 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 155 Message: 156

http://mysite.verizon.net/dmascaro1/

W3KM has added VK Shires , John Moyle and the RD contest to the lists
of available contests..NB this programme does not offer rig interface
so more suited for the
single op using older rigs :-) Has Voice Keyer and CW Keyer and RTTY ?

Worth a download and a look see, its a nice programme..

° Free Windows software supports 98SE, ME, W2K, NT, XP & Vista.
° Does not control radios or rotors, no networking or Packet.
° Does not support encoding or decoding PSK/RTTY/Digital modes.
° No contest setup or config files needed to start a contest. 5000
QSO limit per log.
° Creates CQ Zone, ITU Zone, Grid square and DXCC totals.
° Logs many VHF/UHF contests not supported by VHF LOG.
° Shows Counties/States & Sections worked, to be worked.
° Automatic CW message with incremented serial number.
° Grid Square distance/heading routines, plus Grid maps.
° Selectable partial callsign search. Use GenSort to make datafiles.
° Writes ASCII and Cabrillo format Log files. Cabrillo Eval software.
° Imports and exports ADIF format files. Auto UTC offset.
° Writes STF log files for selected DARC contests.
° Writes EDI log files for R1 VHF/UHF contests.
° DVK - Call the working station in your voice.
° CW keyer - Memory and keyboard CW, w/ TX PTT.
° Burst CW - multi-speed contest messaging.

157. John Moyle Field Day

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-03-11 03:03:08 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 157 Message: 157

Hi All

For those needing the Coorong Shire CO5, I'll be operating 24 hours in the John Moyle Field Day this weekend from Sat 0100 - Sun 0100.

73

Craig VK5HRT

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158. VK9 FIASCO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-03-12 21:23:50 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 158 Message: 158

CROSS POSTED BECAUSE I AM CROSS !

Can anyone andvise why the new Expedition to Mellish is using a three letter callsign beginning with G ?

Why did ACMA go so far away from the format that has been used for years ?

VK9L Lord Howe
VK9C Cocos
VK9X Christmas
VK9N Norfolk
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VK9M Mellish

Surely this isn't that hard to keep organised ?

This on the back of the "two letter fiasco were they refused to allocate two letter callsigns thinking it was a profit centre and then after three years of non allocating we find that most call areas did not have all the two letter callsigns taken up - checkout http://www.wia.org.au/licences/licensing/publiclist/

There are 53 not taken up in QLD !

Lets hope the WIA as the NEW reference source for callsigns can ensure that this sort of confusion does not continue..

Trent VK4TI

159. Re: [vkshires] VK9 FIASCO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-03-12 22:29:06 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 158 Message: 159
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

The only comment I will make here is that the ACMA along with the WIA
are both on a get rich scheme..........
they totally stuffed the whole callsign block system........ we have a
vk9 station operating on a non dxcc islands off the coast of WA, we have
an major BS embargo on 2 letter calls, we have 3 letter call allocations
assigned to dxcc that do not meet the callblock criteria and now we have
the WIA discriminating against VK2, VK3 and VK4 operators who are now
forced to utilise the new BS money making system to apply for callsigns
and pay $48.85 against $20.60 for other states.

I am a past WIAQ member of many years, spent major time on the
divisional council (what a waste that was) , left in disgust, rejoined
after the WIA finally became a single organisation........ and now I
feel like telling the WIA to stick it up their backside.......

The WIA board need to wake up.......... amateur radio operators in this
country are becoming very much peeved at the BS that this callsign crap
has and is still causing.

I think it is way past time that the WIA got some backbone and told the
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160. Re: [vkshires] VK9 FIASCO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-03-12 22:57:34 UTC
From: Brenton Meadows
Topic: 158 Message: 160

HI Bill and Trent,

For the reasons Bill has stated below and substantially more, I gave up on being a WIA member a few years back. If and when they get their act together and stop being an old boys club for ancient relics, maybe my position could be reconsidered however recent moves by the WIA have not impressed me at all. Theres a new world forming, the next generation has a foothold in Ham radio and the WIA have got to listen to the points of view from *all* hams, a philosophy I am not sure is being totally adopted or understood.

I glance back and remember when I went to the WIA for assistance with two Barrister neighbours suing me over my 10m legal tower at my house in Medindie. I sought sideline advice on my position based on our great supposed comradeship the WIA is supposed to be so known for. Guess what, I didnt even receive a simple email reply, just ignored. That did it for me, I thought bugger you guys, love the hobby but the organisation that is supposedly their to assist me is not interested. I cancelled my membership and I obviously found solutions(25 acre radio shack) to my own problems, something as a businessman I am used to doing. Of course, how much better could have it been if the WIA had shown some interest and assisted with some simple advice and historical information of the collective efforts to combat unreasonable neighbours and antenna objections.

I live in hope that one day I will see a WIA that I would be proud to be a member of once again.

I support Bill and Trent 100% on their comments below.

regards

Brenton VK5BM

On Fri, Mar 13, 2009 at 8:59 AM, Bill Horner <vk4fw@...> wrote:

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162. Re: VK9 FIASCO

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-03-30 08:20:15 UTC
From: Paul Manley
Topic: 158 Message: 162

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "VK4TI" <vk4ti@...> wrote:

Just hope and pray it does not end up like the total arse we have allowed ourselves to inherit over here.

Too many personalities and not enough principals !

73
Paul - ZL2CQ

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164. RARE SHIRE ACTIVATION

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-04 21:35:11 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 164 Message: 164

Today (Sunday) Gus - VK4GUS will be active from Napranum Aboriginal Shire on the western side of Cape York Penisula Gus should be on air around 0030 UTC.

Frequencies 7.088 or 14.188.

165. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE VK SHIRES ?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-04 22:34:22 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 165 Message: 165

Hi Team,

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166. Re: [vkshires] WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE VK SHIRES ?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-04 23:13:16 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 165 Message: 166

Hi ya

With the 150 or so QSLs I sent out last week after CQWW WPX SSB, I also sent an A4 info sheet on the WAVKA and contest.

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Craig

From: Trent <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, 5 April, 2009 8:04:22 AM
Subject: [vkshires] WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE VK SHIRES ?

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167. RE: [vkshires] WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE VK SHIRES ?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-05 00:08:30 UTC
From: John Ferrington VK6HZ
Topic: 165 Message: 167

Hi All

Over Easter I am going to my in-laws in Morawa (MR6). I will be active, mostly on 40M. I will also try and activate a few other shire in the area, such as: Perenjori - PJ6, Mingenew – MW6 and Mullewa – ME6.

I will be on 7075, or there abouts, around 0700z on Saturday and Sunday and around 2300z to 0030z on Sunday.

For the contest I was thinking about going to Morawa, but will check the family calendar. Otherwise I will be at home, Town of Vincent VT6 (fairly rare as there is only 2 active amateurs living in the shire, even though it is only 5km from the city!)

Thanks,

John

de vk6hz

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From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Craig Edwards
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2009 7:13 AM
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168. Beta2 version of VKCL available for testing

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-06 09:56:38 UTC
From: kolashire
Topic: 165 Message: 168

Hi all,

Thanks Trent for reminding me.

Ver 2.17Beta2 of VKCL is available for anyone interested to try it. It installs into a separate directory from the normal copy, so it is easy to delete when you have finished with it.

If you would like to try it, please send email to vkcl@... and I will send you a copy by return email. (The Beta version is NOT on the web site.)

The intended date for release of Ver 2.17 is beginning of May.

73,
Mike, VK3AVV

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169. volunteer required please

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-08 22:16:14 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 169 Message: 169

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regards to all
Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.

mobile ph 0428877551
Skype Name : billvk4fw

170. Re: [vkshires] volunteer required please

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-08 23:23:30 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 169 Message: 170

G’Day Bill

I’m happy to do collating and distribution if you like

73s

Craig VK5HRT

From: Bill Horner Laptop <vk4fw@...>
To: vk shires <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, 9 April, 2009 7:46:14 AM
Subject: [vkshires] volunteer required please

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171. Re: [vkshires] volunteer required please

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-08 23:33:05 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 169 Message: 171

Done Craig and thank you.

You should have access to the yahoo group to insert a file..... if not let me know and I will do an alteration.
Perhaps go do a test.

Meanwhile let us hope that ops send u in some details of what they intend to do.

I will make arrangements to have it put on the WIA news etc.
cheers

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172. licence fees

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-09 11:07:02 UTC
From: vk2faja
Topic: 172 Message: 172

To All Clubs,

Please pass on to your members.

Received today:
The WIA has been advised by ACMA that as from 6th of April 2009 licence fees have increased to $64. Variation to licence fee remains at $41.

Cheers

Ted Thrift VK2ARA
WIA Clubs Co-ordinator
(02) 4272 9521
WIA ASSESSOR 2-068
tthrift@iprimus.com.au
vk2ara@...

173. the beta version

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-10 07:03:06 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 173 Message: 173

Congrats Mike, it all works as it should. The only thing I could not test was if there is a way to merge 2 logs (multi 2) or if you can network computers for multi 2.......... I do not have the gear here to do such a thing but I bet others can check that.
So I will be using this software.
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174. WA shires tomorrow

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-10 11:32:02 UTC
From: vk6xhg0
Topic: 174 Message: 174

Forwarding this for those who may be interested.
73 Keith VK6XH

Note times are WA local

Gday all,

John VK6HZ is away on holiday at Morawa this w/end and some members worked him portable at this location this afternoon

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If personal circumstances allow he will be QRV at the shire of Pirengerie and Carnama Saturday evening from about 4.00 PM local.

Keith, he asked if you have any contact with the Shire Hunters Google group that you could post a note on same.

Thanks and good DX
6EH

175. Re: [vkshires] WA shires tomorrow

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-10 12:25:50 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 174 Message: 175

thanks for the heads up..... might be a bit tough at that hour but u never know....
7am local in Wa is 9am local on the east coast and 4pm of course is 6pm which should be ok.
Unfortunately I will not make it as my gear is still enroute from VK9LA

cheers and happy easter to all.

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To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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176. VK9LA ... this may interest u

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-10 13:00:00 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 176 Message: 176

www.youtube.com/watch?v=9oPe0OS8ESU

Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.

mobile ph 0428877551
Skype Name : billvk4fw

177. special

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-11 09:57:13 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 177 Message: 177

Go to www.odxg.org/vk9la.htm for your chance to own a one off special piece of the recent VK9LA dxpedition.

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178. Re: the beta version

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-12 01:42:15 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 173 Message: 178

Bill,

The functionality in m2 is quite good - you do need omni rig for rig data but the network features function well...for a voice keyer I have fixed that by downloading WD6CNFs voice keyer..some of the other interesting programmes on the same site are a two tone generator..ideal for aligning radios if you cant whistle..

http://www.hotamateurprograms.com/

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179. RE: [vkshires] WA shires tomorrow

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-13 07:02:31 UTC
From: John Ferrington VK6HZ
Topic: 174 Message: 179

Greetings all..

So I had a bit of fun activating a few shires in the Wheatbelt over the weekend.

Made only a few contacts - C91FC on 40M SSB with 100W into the Buddipole and..a high speed contact with a kangaroo! I suspect about $1500 of damage to the car in the pursuit of activating a new shire! But hey, I got the roo! He didn't move very much after I hit him at 120km/h!

Maybe next time I hope I can work a few VK's on the radio instead..20M was great yesterday. Heard quiet a few VK's around, but work a load of JA's.

Bring on the contest! I suspect I will do a rover type effort activating a handful of different shires around Morawa (MR6).

Thanks,

John

de vk6hz

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From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Horner Laptop
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2009 8:26 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [vkshires] WA shires tomorrow

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180. PUB IN BRISVEGAS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-27 06:33:07 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 180 Message: 180

Hi Brisbanites,

I will be travelling to BArcfest with Andrew VK4HAM - what would be the closest pub to BArc fest for a counter meal ?

Trent VK4TI

181. PRE RELEASE COPY OF WIA BROADCAST TEXT

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-04-30 22:12:02 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 181 Message: 181

Ladies and Gentlemen if you feel I should add anything to the text please let me know prior to Monday as I will submit it WIANEWS..send replys to the group address so we can all work on this together..thanks guys (and girls)

Regards Trent VK4TI

TEXT FOLLOWS:

Greetings contestor and Shire hunters..the VK Shires contest is coming up very fast and we are recieiving feedback
from many operators who intend to operate from locations all over the country.

As this is the first running of the contest we have taken a few tips for first time contestors..

First try to have a logging programme, VKCL, SD Logger and W3KM loggers all fully support the Contest..but if not possible
and you still want to enter, take heart, grab a notepad

you know the things that you use pencils on and write down all your contacts. You need to record the frequency or band, time
and date as well as the number sent and received.

After the contest we have a facilty to convert the paper log to computer..you will be able to log onto our CAB FORMS for an online log entry and this will score your log check for duplicates and send it into us for inclusion in the batch file.

We have had help from Dave Mascaro W3KM with a Log Checking programme and what it does is combine all the logs together
and then checks all claimed contacts.

If you are going portable for the contest consider the rule that allows you to rework stations from a new shire..many are
looking for locations where they can quickly jump shire boundaries to rework again ..in South East Queensland we have found
one 5 km cirlce that covers five shires and I am sure there are more in other states.

Remember that NO DX window is allowed on 80M BUT that doesnt stop DX on 80M - remember what we did before the window ? just worked split !

JAs are active under 3.7 and checkout the USA stations that now can move down much lower..

Ten metres is finally opening to the USA again and some ops are reporting 4 hour daily openings so dont forget the yagi if your in the bush..

182. VKCL Ver 2.17 ready for VK Shires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-01 13:56:12 UTC
From: kolashire
Topic: 182 Message: 182

Hi all,

Thank you to all those that participated in Beta testing of VK Shire contest implementation in VKCL. A few issues were found and fixed.

Ver 2.17 has now been finalised and uploaded to the web site http://web.aanet.com.au/mnds/

73,
Mike, VK3AVV

183. Roving..

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-04 02:16:55 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 183 Message: 183

Hi there,

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anyway, just some food for thought regarding entry classes. I guess most people don't have multiple QTHs to operate from. If anyone asks or cares, my home QTH is the ACMA licenced address, not the in-laws which is not the same as my postal address.

Oh, and how does a rover identify themself in the contest ? If you move shire and start calling CQ CONTEST most remote stations may assume because you're already in the log that you're a dupe and not bother to answer... ??

184. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-04 21:40:43 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 184

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /VK-Shires-Cabrillo-Template.txt
Uploaded by : vk4ti <vk4ti@...>
Description : Cabrillo Template files for NON supported loggers

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/VK-Shires-Cabrillo-Template.txt

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

vk4ti <vk4ti@...>

185. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-04 21:39:59 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 185

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /VKShires_Mults.dat
Uploaded by : vk4ti <vk4ti@...>
Description : Mulitpliers List in DAT format

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/VKShires_Mults.dat

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

vk4ti <vk4ti@...>

186. Southern Cross/ Marvel Loch operation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-04 23:14:07 UTC
From: Keith Bainbridge
Topic: 186 Message: 186

A group of NCRG members will be out prospecting near Marvel Loch /
Southern Cross from Saturday till Tuesday this coming weekend.
Look for them on 40 mtrs around 7075 most evenings WA time.
They are , VK6EH, VK6TWJ, VK6BFI & VK6HRC
73
Keith VK6RK
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Keith
R K Bainbridge
VK6RK/ VK6XH
Northern Corridor Radio Group Inc VK6ANC

187. which shire(s) will you be activating? for the contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-05 03:49:26 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 187 Message: 187

Hi Everyone

Well the first VK Shire contest is only a month away.. I'm collating a list of all the shires that are going to be activated by all of the eager competitors.

So could you please work out which shire(s) you'll be operating from and let me know. All I need is the callsign and shire location(s).

I'll then collate this list and have it available for anyone to see. It will be a live document in the vkshires group files section.

They can be sent to me at vk5hrt@...

73s

Craig VK5HRT

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188. Re: [vkshires] Roving..

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-05 04:44:32 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 183 Message: 188

People if you have a plan to operate portable even if in just one location then you will obviously be a portable station or rover .
We have requested that you submit your proposed activation details so we can collate and publish them in advance throughout the world.....

get them in,,, time is short to get coverage in overseas bulletins.

----- Original Message -----
From: vk3ldr
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2009 12:16 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Roving..

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189. Africa category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-05 22:15:17 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 189 Message: 189

Now that Paul VK2HV has seen fit to have nil to do with the contest we require a sponsor for the Africa Category of the contest.
This is a 3 year deal at $20 per year.

Anyone interested please send me an email.

regards

Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.

mobile ph 0428877551
Skype Name : billvk4fw

190. VK3VTH active GS3 for contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-06 00:56:50 UTC
From: tonyjohn54
Topic: 190 Message: 190

Hi All,
New to Amateur radio and Contesting since January 2009.
I plan to be active from Kialla West Reserve.
Just South of Shepparton Victoria. GS3 Shire Code.
Hope to work a few!

73

Tony Hambling
VK3VTH

191. Africa filled

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-06 02:24:02 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 191 Message: 191

VK3VTH will be the new sponsor for this category.
Many thanks Dave for your timely contribution.

regards to all , I will now update the rules etc.

Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.

mobile ph 0428877551
Skype Name : billvk4fw

192. Re: [vkshires] Africa category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-06 05:50:39 UTC
From: john Bearsby
Topic: 189 Message: 192

Bill,
What is required here please ?

John VK6JB

On Wed, May 6, 2009 at 6:15 AM, Bill Horner Laptop <vk4fw@...>wrote:

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193. Re: [vkshires] Africa category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-06 05:53:39 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 189 Message: 193

thank you John but we have a volunteer that has stepped forward.

basically I could keep your callsign for future reference if you like.
regards

----- Original Message -----
From: john Bearsby
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2009 3:50 PM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Africa category

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John VK6JB

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194. Re: which shire(s) will you be activating? for the contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-06 21:02:45 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 187 Message: 194

Hi Craig

VK4TI will be QRV from TW4 or TV4 - over the long weekend the state hockey championships are on in Townsville and our daughter Bethany studies in TV4...as its the end of term for her I am considering travelling to TV4 and driving her DAEWOO DOO DOO back to Toowoomba..

Are there any TV4 club activities up north that would allow me to compete in the contest ?

Craig can you put me down for TW4 but there could be a dit missing on the CW exchange..

Regards

Trent VK4TI / TW4

195. Advertising for VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-06 21:48:50 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 195 Message: 195

Hi Team,

today I have posted to VK Forums and VKHAM regarding the contest - we all have favourite bulletin boards etc..Could you all please try to get the word out to at least a local club, or post it on a website etc etc..
There will be a news desk on the WIA bulletin this weekend and everyweekend until the contest..

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

vk5hrt <vk5hrt@...>

197. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-06 22:36:54 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 197

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Regards,

vk5hrt <vk5hrt@...>

198. VK Shires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-06 22:38:42 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 198 Message: 198

Hi everyone

I'm starting to get a small list of peopel with their active shires which is in the files section of the vkshires yahoo group.

I'll continue to update the file as people send them in.

I normally look at this email every hour or so at work

73s
Craig VK5HRT

Enjoy a safer web experience. Upgrade to the new Internet Explorer 8 optimised for Yahoo!7. Get it now.

199. Re: [vkshires] Advertising for VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-07 00:18:28 UTC
From: philhss@tpg.com.au
Topic: 195 Message: 199

Trent,

I included the latest rules and an overview in my AR this month.

Cheers,

Phil
VK4BAA

Quoting Trent <vk4ti@...>:

> Hi Team,
>
> today I have posted to VK Forums and VKHAM regarding the contest - we
> all have favourite bulletin boards etc..Could you all please try to
> get the word out to at least a local club, or post it on a website
> etc etc..
> There will be a news desk on the WIA bulletin this weekend and
> everyweekend until the contest..
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> Regards
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> Trent VK4TI
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200. Re: Advertising for VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-07 03:35:52 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 195 Message: 200

Thanks Phil,

VK Shires also has a mention on ARRL Contest by Ward Silver so the word is definately out there...membership of this group is now 64 with Robert VK2KLO joining...

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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201. Proposed contest activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-07 04:59:51 UTC
From: VK2VRD
Topic: 201 Message: 201

Hi everyone,

I propose to be active in shire TR2 during the contest

VK2VRD

202. Re: VK Shires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-07 14:50:32 UTC
From: vk4ath
Topic: 198 Message: 202

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> I normally look at this email every hour or so at work
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> 73s
> Craig VK5HRT
>Hi Craig,
I will be in the contest from IP4 Home Station Hope to hear you somewere on the bands.
Regards Tom
VK4ATH QRP -.-

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203. NEED HELP FOR THE BROADCAST..

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-07 21:23:26 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 203 Message: 203

Ok its the first running of VK Shires on June long weekend..there is a new techniques needed..not only are the VK Shires mults but so are the CQ Zones AND you can work once on SSB and once on CW on each band for addition credit..the is NO SSB or CW only category..BUT there is a trophy for the most CW contacts..

How are you going to tackle the contest ?

Sit back relax and have fun ?

Go all out mobile in the bush working from new shires ever 4 hours ?

Ignore VK and try and get as many CQ Zones as possible ?

Thoughts of the contest guns and newbies equally appreciated..

Trent VK4TI

204. Re: [vkshires] NEED HELP FOR THE BROADCAST..

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-08 08:34:57 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 203 Message: 204

What an interesting series of questions.

Well for what its worth here are my suggestions fro VK ops.

1. Concerntrate on working dx on 20 and 40m..... and possibly 15 ....grab the Vks as they come along
2. Make sure u get as many VKs in the log as possible on the 80m band..........what ever dx u actually work will be a bonus and remember NO DX WINDOW permitted.
4. Remember that SSB and CW are the permitted modes
5. Most importantly...... HAVE FUN.

Why haven't I mentioned other bands..... because anything u get will be poor at best and if you are going portable u will be busy enuf without worrying about them...... and if ur at home then again I think u will be busy enuf.

Just one more thing..... tell all ur friends worldwide..... flood them with info and request that they look for u in the contest.
This contest should turn out to be the PREMIER contest for Australia.

I am intersted in what others think..... or do they not wish to share their winning formula ?.

----- Original Message -----
From: Trent
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2009 7:23 AM
Subject: [vkshires] NEED HELP FOR THE BROADCAST..

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Trent VK4TI

205. shire location

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-09 07:16:41 UTC
From: john Bearsby
Topic: 205 Message: 205

Greetings,
I will be working in The City of Stirling in the northern suburbs of Perth.
I will be at my home and hope that we have many contacts from every where.
73's
John VK6JB

206. Re: [vkshires] Africa category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-09 07:38:11 UTC
From: john Bearsby
Topic: 189 Message: 206

Thanks Bill,
Would be interested in that.
Could you tell me why 2hv pulled out, if it is not a secret ?
I have had some run in's with him in the past.
Many thanks for your reply and future co-operation.
By the way, i have sent a message to the group, re the shire operation.
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> *From:* john Bearsby <vk6jb.john@...>
> *To:* vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> *Sent:* Wednesday, May 06, 2009 3:50 PM
> *Subject:* Re: [vkshires] Africa category
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207. Re: [vkshires] Africa category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-09 07:59:53 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 189 Message: 207

The Africa category has been filled.

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We have had no alternative to grant him his wishes. As such he no longer has anything to do with the VK Shires Program at all.

kind regards.

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208. Re: Africa category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-09 12:25:22 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 189 Message: 208

Good one Bill

Forever the diplomat..there must be a job for you at the UN :-)

VK4TI

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209. Re: [vkshires] Africa category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-09 13:15:55 UTC
From: john Bearsby
Topic: 189 Message: 209

Thanks four your reply Bill,
I remember 2HV saying some time ago, that cw was the only way to go on 40M.
Perhaps he is changing his mind.
I wouldn't think that there would be a complaint about a suburb
abbreviation.
Lets all enjoy the shire's week end, and have many, many contact's.
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210. Re: Advertising for VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-10 00:22:39 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 195 Message: 210

I also posted an ad on the linkedin.com professional networking website in a group for amateur operators within that site.

Maybe I'll post a note or two within the amateur radio facebook groups I'm registered on... all though I try not to get on facebook much!

Cheers,
Dave

211. DATABASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-11 10:38:53 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 211 Message: 211

You will notice the "database" that is standard with VK Shires has had a slight modification.

Bill will be the only person with access to this and it will be a temporary home for the Shires Certificates database..

212. Re: [vkshires] DATABASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-11 12:18:15 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 211 Message: 212

Thanks for designing this Trent.
I have been as busy as since returning from Lord Howe Island Dxpedition.
I have been to the databse and have it now up to date .
I would be happy for ops to send me their records as they work them on say a weekly or monthly basis depending on how active they are. As you all can see the official number 1 certificate is already gone..... again congratulations to Bernie..... I hope to have the actual certificates designed within a couple of weeks now.

regards

----- Original Message -----
From: Trent
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2009 8:38 PM
Subject: [vkshires] DATABASE

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vk5hrt <vk5hrt@...>

214. contest column for AR magazine

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-14 00:18:26 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 214 Message: 214

Hi Everyone

Just letting you all know I’ll be the new editor of the contest column for AR magazine.

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It doesn’t matter if it’s a sentence, paragraph or story, I’d love to share it with everyone in the column.

73’s

Craig VK5HRT

215. VK6JB Silent Key

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-16 21:36:18 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 215 Message: 215

According to the amateur radio misc posting by Roj Blake VK6JB Silent Key

"Unfortunately John VK6JB has passed away.
John was a very keen Dxer and used to run the 40m
DX net on 7.093 MHz

RIP
John"

Roj

I'm shocked. I spoke to him only a few nights ago on the phone and he seemed
quite bright.
Rest In Peace

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Peter VK6YSF

216. Re: [vkshires] contest column for AR magazine

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-17 08:51:03 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 214 Message: 216

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I am definetly going to NB4 as VK4YN

cheers

----- Original Message -----
From: Craig Edwards
To: vkcc@yahoogroups.com ; vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 10:18 AM
Subject: [vkshires] contest column for AR magazine

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Chat right from the comfort of your inbox. Show me how..

217. Re: [vkshires] contest column for AR magazine

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-17 10:30:17 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 214 Message: 217

I'm only doing the column because I had a cunning plan.....

If I do the contest column, then its my excuse to the XYL why I need to remove myself from regular society for 24-48 hours at least once a month so that I can write about contest experiences for the magazine.

73s Craig

From: Bill Horner Laptop <vk4fw@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, 17 May, 2009 6:21:03 PM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] contest column for AR magazine

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218. File - 2009 Australian Shires Contest Final Rules.doc

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-17 11:30:19 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 218 Message: 218
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

File : 2009 Australian Shires Contest Final Rules.doc
Description : CONTEST RULES

219. File - WAVKS.doc

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-17 11:30:20 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 219 Message: 219
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

File : WAVKS.doc
Description : Worked All VK Shires Award

220. File - ALL VK SHIRES .... MUNICIPALITIES 2009.xls

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-17 11:30:19 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 220 Message: 220
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

File : ALL VK SHIRES .... MUNICIPALITIES 2009.xls
Description : updated list 24.01.2009

221. File - VKShires_Mults.dat

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-17 11:30:19 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 221 Message: 221

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AC2 Albury City Council
AC5 Port Augusta City Council
AD2 Armidale Dumaresq Council
AD5 Adelaide City Council
AE5 Port Adelaide Enfield City Council
AH5 Adelaide Hills Council
AK6 Armadale City
AL6 Albany City
AM6 Augusta-Margaret River Shire
AP5 Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
AR3 Ararat Rural City Council
AS2 The Council of the Municipality of Ashfield
AS3 Alpine Shire Council
AS6 Ashburton Shire
AS8 Alice Springs Town Council
AU2 Auburn Council
AU4 Aurukun Shire Council
AX5 Alexandrina Council
BA2 Balranald Shire Council
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BA5 Barossa Council
BA6 Bassendean Shire
BB2 The Council of the City of Botany Bay
BB3 Baw Baw Shire Council
BB6 Boyup Brook Shire
BC2 Bankstown City Council
BC3 Banyule City Council
BC4 Barcaldine Regional Council
BC7 Brighton Council
BD2 Bland Shire Council
BE2 Bellingen Shire Council
BE5 Berri Barmera Council
BE6 Broome Shire
BE8 Belyuen Community Council
BG6 Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire
BH2 Broken Hill City Council
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HD2 Holroyd City Council
HH2 The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill
HI3 Hindmarsh Shire Council
HN2 Harden Shire Council
HR3 Horsham Rural City Council
HS2 The Hills Shire Council
HS3 Hepburn Shire Council
HV2 Hurstville City Council
HV4 Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
HV7 Huon Valley Council
HY2 Hay Shire Council
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NB4 North Burnett Regional Council
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NG6 Narrogin Shire
NH6 Northampton Shire
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NL5 Naracoorte Lucindale Council
NL6 Nedlands City
NM2 Narromine Shire Council
NM6 Northam Shire
NM7 Northern Midlands Council
NN6 Narembeen Shire
NO6 Northam City
NP4 Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
NP5 "The City Of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters"
NP6 Nannup Shire
NR6 Nungarin Shire
NS2 Narrandera Shire Council
NS3 Nillumbik Shire Council
NT6 Narrogin City
NU6 Ngaanyatjarraku Shire
NY2 North Sydney Council
OA5 Outback Areas Community Development Trust
OC2 Oberon Council
OC5 Onkaparinga City Council
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PH5 District Council of Peterborough
PH6 Port Headland Shire
PI2 Pittwater Council
PI4 Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
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PK2 Parkes Shire Council
PL5 City of Pt Lincoln
PM2 Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
PP3 Port Phillip City Council
PP4 Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
PP5 Port Pirie Regional Council
PR5 Prospect City Council
PS2 Port Stephens Council
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TU2 Tumbarumba Shire Council
TV4 Townsville City Council
TW2 Tweed Shire Council
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TY6 Toodyay Shire
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UG6 Upper Gascoyne Shire
UH2 Upper Hunter Shire Council
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UR2 Urana Shire Council

US2 Uralla Shire Council
VD8 Victoria Daly Shire
VH5 City of Victor Harbor
VP6 Victoria Park Shire
VS6 Victoria Plains Shire
VT6 Vincent Shire
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222. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-20 02:03:44 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 222

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
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File : /Active VK shires for contest.doc
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Regards,

vk5hrt <vk5hrt@...>

223. Rare Queensland Shire activation.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-20 03:25:57 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 223 Message: 223

G'day all,

Gus, VK4GUS will be activating Napranum Aboriginal Shire (
Worked All Queensland Shire Award ident NA ☐ VK Shires ident NA4)
this coming weekend, 23/24 May.
Location: Pennefather River - Grid Locator QH07us.
Gus will be calling/listening at the following times and frequencies.
0200 UTC Saturday on 7.088 MHz. for 15 minutes then to 14.188 MHz. for 15 minutes.
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1100 UTC Saturday on 3.588 MHz. for 15 minutes then to 14.188 MHz. for 15 minutes.
Gus will also call/listen out from around 2200 UTC Saturday on 7.088 and 14.188
Give Gus a call he more than pleased to say G'day

224. Re: [vkshires] Rare Queensland Shire activation.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-20 06:49:22 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 223 Message: 224

Thanks, I'll certainly give him a try

Great scheduling, should give all of us in VK/ZL a chance somewhere

73s

Craig VK5HRT

From: Dale McCarthy <vk4dmc@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, 20 May, 2009 12:55:57 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Rare Queensland Shire activation.

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225. contest activations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-24 11:04:18 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 225 Message: 225

Common people there are not many who have actually informed Craig about where you are going to be active from..... Considering how many subscribers are on hear as well as the amount of email enquiries I get here I would have expected atleast 80 odd notifications by now.
I was hoping to publish some details in some overseas news bulletins this coming week ..... lets get it on.....
Kindly send in your proposed activations so we can shine.

I can confirm that Eric VK4NEF and myself will operate from atop the big mountain near Mount Perry (NB4)..... callsign will be VK4YN

cheers
Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.

mobile ph 0428877551
Skype Name : billvk4fw

226. PR

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-27 21:32:40 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 226 Message: 226

The dx bulletin from Carl N4AA has been kind enough to give the up coming contest some PR in the latest edition.
It is not too late to inform Craig (vk5hrt)of your proposed operating schedule.

This week I have had many enquiries from both VK and overseas ops so I am expecting many to partake in the inaugural contest.
cheers

Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.

mobile ph 0428877551
Skype Name : billvk4fw

227. File - ALL VK SHIRES .... MUNICIPALITIES 2009.xls

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-31 10:48:09 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 220 Message: 227
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Description : updated list 24.01.2009

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Date: 2009-05-31 10:48:09 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 221 Message: 228

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DP6 Dardanup Shire
DR4 Dalby Regional Council
DR6 Dowerin Shire
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DU2 Dubbo City Council
DU6 Dalwallinu Shire
DV7 Derwent Valley Council
DW6 Derby-West Kimberley Shire
EA8 East Arnhem Shire
EF6 East Freemantle Shire
EG3 East Gippsland Shire Council
EH6 Exmouth Shire
EL5 District Council of Elliston
EP6 East Pilbara Shire
ES2 Eurobodalla Shire Council
ES6 Esperance Shire
ET4 Etheridge Shire Council
FC2 Fairfield City Council
FC3 Frankston City Council
FC4 Fraser Coast Regional Council
FC7 Flinders Council
FH5 Franklin Harbour District Council
FL4 Flinders Shire Council
FM6 Fremantle City
FR5 Flinders Ranges Council
FS2 Forbes Shire Council
GA3 Gannawarra Shire Council
GA5 Town of Gawler
GB3 Greater Bendigo City Council
GC2 Gosford City Council
GC4 Gold Coast City Council
GC5 Gerard Council
GC7 Glenorchy City Council
GD2 Gundagai Shire Council
GD3 Greater Dandenong City Council
GD5 Grant District Council

GE3 Glen Eira City Council
GF2 Griffith City Council
GG3 Greater Geelong City Council
GG6 Gingin Shire
GH2 Greater Hume Shire Council
GI2 Glen Innes Severn Council
GI4 Goondiwindi Regional Council
GK2 Great Lakes Council
GL2 Gloucester Shire Council
GL3 Glenelg Shire Council
GM2 Goulburn Mulwaree Council
GM6 Goomalling Shire
GN6 Geraldton-Greenough City
GP3 Golden Plains Shire Council
GP6 Gnowangerup Shire
GR4 Gladstone Regional Council
GR5 Goyder Regional Council
GS2 Gilgandra Shire Council
GS3 Greater Shepparton City Council
GS6 Gosnells City
GS7 Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
GT2 Greater Taree City Council
GT7 George Town Council
GU2 Gunnedah Shire Council
GW2 Gwydir Shire Council
GY2 Guyra Shire Council
GY4 Gympie Regional Council
HB2 The Council of the Shire of Hornsby
HB3 Hobsons Bay City Council
HB4 Hinchinbrook Shire Council
HB5 City of Holdfast Bay
HC2 Hawkesbury City Council
HC3 Hume City Council
HC6 Halls Creek Shire
HC7 Hobart City Council
HD2 Holroyd City Council
HH2 The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill
HI3 Hindmarsh Shire Council
HN2 Harden Shire Council
HR3 Horsham Rural City Council
HS2 The Hills Shire Council
HS3 Hepburn Shire Council
HV2 Hurstville City Council
HV4 Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
HV7 Huon Valley Council
HY2 Hay Shire Council
HY6 Harvey Shire
IN6 Irwin Shire
IP4 Ipswich City Council
IR4 Isaac Regional Council

IS2 Inverell Shire Council
IS3 Indigo Shire Council
JO6 Joondalup City
JP6 Jerramungup Shire
JS2 Jerilderie Shire Council
JU2 Junee Shire Council
KA2 The Council of the Municipality of Kiama
KA6 Kalamunda Shire
KB5 Kimba District Council
KC3 Kingston City Council
KC7 Kentish Council
KC8 Katherine Town Council
KD6 Kondinin Shire
KG6 Katanning Shire
KH7 Kingborough Council
KI5 Kangaroo Island Council
KI7 King Island Council
KL6 Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
KM2 Kogarah Municipal Council
KM5 Karoonda East Murray District Council
KN6 Kellerberrin Shire
KO6 Koorda Shire
KP6 Kojonup Shire
KR5 Kingston Regional Council
KS2 Kempsey Shire Council
KT6 Kent Shire
KU2 Ku-ring-gai Council
KU6 Kulin Shire
KW6 Kwinana Shire
KX3 Knox City Council
KY2 Kyogle Council
KY4 Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
LA6 Leonora Shire
LA7 Launceston City Council
LC2 Lane Cove Municipal Council
LC3 Latrobe City Council
LC4 Logan City Council
LC7 Latrobe Council
LE2 Leeton Shire Council
LE5 District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
LG6 Lake Grace Shire
LH4 Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
LH5 Le Hunte District Council
LI8 Litchfield Shire
LK2 Lockhart Shire Council
LM2 Lake Macquarie City Council
LO4 Longreach Regional Council
LP2 Liverpool Plains Shire Council
LR2 Lismore City Council
LR5 Light Regional Council

LS2 Lachlan Shire Council
LS3 Loddon Shire Council
LT2 Leichhardt Municipal Council
LV2 Liverpool City Council
LV4 Lockyer Valley Regional Council
LV6 Laverton Shire
LW2 City of Lithgow Council
LW5 Loxton Waikerie District Council
MA3 Mount Alexander Shire Council
MA5 Marion City Council
MB4 Moreton Bay Regional Council
MB5 Mt Barker District Council
MC2 Maitland City Council
MC3 Melbourne City Council
MC5 Mitcham City Council
MC8 Macdonell Shire
MD3 Maroondah City Council
MD5 Mallala District Council
MD6 Merredin Shire
ME2 Marrickville Council
ME6 Mullewa Shire
MG3 Maribyrnong City Council
MG4 Mornington Shire Council
MG5 Mount Gambier City Council
MG6 Mundaring Shire
MH3 Monash City Council
MH4 Murweh Shire Council
MH6 Mandurah City
MI3 Mildura Rural City Council
MI4 Mount Isa City Council
MK2 Muswellbrook Shire Council
MK4 McKinlay Shire Council
MK6 Meekatharra Shire
ML3 Mitchell Shire Council
ML6 Mount Marshall Shire
MM2 Mosman Municipal Council
MM3 Manningham City Council
MM5 Mid Murray Council
MM6 Mount Magnet Shire
MN3 Melton Shire Council
MN6 Murchison Shire
MO3 Moira Shire Council
MO6 Moora Shire
MP2 Moree Plains Shire Council
MP3 Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
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MP6 Manjimup Shire
MR3 Macedon Ranges Shire Council
MR4 Mackay Regional Council
MR5 Mount Remarkable District Council

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MS3 Mansfield Shire Council
MS6 Mossman Park Shire
MT5 Maralinga Tjarutja
MU2 Murrumbidgee Shire Council
MU3 Murrindindi Shire Council
MU5 Murray Bridge Council
MU6 Mukinbudin Shire
MV3 Moonee Valley City Council
MV6 Melville City
MV7 Meander Valley Council
MW2 Mid-Western Regional Council
MW6 Mingenew Shire
MX3 Moreland City Council
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MY6 Murray Shire
MZ3 Moorabool Shire Council
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NA2 Nambucca Shire Council
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NA5 Northern Areas Council
NB4 North Burnett Regional Council
NC2 Newcastle City Council
NC5 Nepabunna Community Incorporated
NG3 Northern Grampians Shire Council
NG6 Narrogin Shire
NH6 Northampton Shire
NI2 Narrabri Shire Council
NL5 Naracoorte Lucindale Council
NL6 Nedlands City
NM2 Narromine Shire Council
NM6 Northam Shire
NM7 Northern Midlands Council
NN6 Narembeen Shire
NO6 Northam City
NP4 Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
NP5 "The City Of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters"
NP6 Nannup Shire
NR6 Nungarin Shire
NS2 Narrandera Shire Council
NS3 Nillumbik Shire Council
NT6 Narrogin City
NU6 Ngaanyatjarraku Shire
NY2 North Sydney Council
OA5 Outback Areas Community Development Trust
OC2 Oberon Council
OC5 Onkaparinga City Council
OR2 Orange City Council

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PC2 Parramatta City Council
PC5 Playford City Council
PC8 Palmerston City Council
PE6 Perth City
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PG6 Peppermint Grove Shire
PH2 Penrith City Council
PH5 District Council of Peterborough
PH6 Port Headland Shire
PI2 Pittwater Council
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PK2 Parkes Shire Council
PL5 City of Pt Lincoln
PM2 Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
PP3 Port Phillip City Council
PP4 Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
PP5 Port Pirie Regional Council
PR5 Prospect City Council
PS2 Port Stephens Council
PS3 Pyrenees Shire Council
PS4 Paroo Shire Council
PT6 Plantagenet Shire
PY6 Pingelly Shire
QB3 "Queenscliffe, Borough of"
QC2 Queanbeyan City Council
QG6 Quairading Shire
QS4 Quilpie Shire Council
RB6 Roebourne Shire
RC2 Rockdale City Council
RD5 Robe District Council
RE2 Ryde City Council
RG8 Roper Gulf Shire
RI4 Richmond Shire Council
RK2 Randwick City Council
RM4 Roma Regional Council
RM6 Rockingham City
RP5 Renmark Paringa District Council
RR4 Rockhampton Regional Council
RS4 Redland City Council
RT6 Ravensthorpe Shire
RV2 Richmond Valley Council
RX5 Municipal Council of Roxby Downs
SB4 South Burnett Regional Council
SB5 District Council of Streaky Bay
SB6 Shark Bay Shire
SC2 Shellharbour City Council
SC3 Stonnington City Council
SC4 Sunshine Coast Regional Council

SC5 Salisbury City Council
SC7 Sorell Council
SD4 Southern Downs Regional Council
SG3 South Gippsland Shire Council
SH2 Shoalhaven City Council
SH3 Swan Hill Rural City Council
SJ6 Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire
SM2 Strathfield Municipal Council
SM4 Somerset Regional Council
SM5 Southern Mallee District Council and Community
SM7 Southern Midlands Council
SP6 South Perth City
SR2 Snowy River Shire Council
SR4 Scenic Rim Regional Council
SS2 Singleton Shire Council
SS3 Southern Grampians Shire Council
SS6 Sandstone Shire
ST3 Strathbogie Shire Council
ST6 Stirling City
SU2 Sutherland Shire Council
SU3 Surf Coast Shire Council
SU6 Subiaco City
SW6 Swan City
SY2 Council of the City of Sydney
TB5 Tumby Bay District Council
TC7 Tasman Council
TD2 Tenterfield Shire Council
TE2 Temora Shire Council
TG6 Trayning Shire
TI4 Torres Shire Council
TI8 Tiwi Islands Local Government
TM6 Tammin Shire
TP6 Tambellup/Broomehill Shire
TR2 Tamworth Regional Council
TR4 Tablelands Regional Council
TS3 Towong Shire Council
TS4 Torres Strait Island Regional Council
TS6 Three Springs Shire
TT2 Tumut Shire Council
TT5 Tea Tree Gully City Council
TU2 Tumbarumba Shire Council
TV4 Townsville City Council
TW2 Tweed Shire Council
TW4 Toowoomba Regional Council
TY6 Toodyay Shire
UC5 Unley City Council
UG6 Upper Gascoyne Shire
UH2 Upper Hunter Shire Council
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VD8 Victoria Daly Shire
VH5 City of Victor Harbor
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WA2 Walcha Council
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WA6 West Arthur Shire
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WB4 Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
WB6 Wongan-Ballidu Shire
WC2 Warringah Council
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WD2 Weddin Shire Council
WD5 Wakefield Regional Council
WD6 Wandering Shire
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WK2 The Council of the Shire of Wakool
WK5 Walkerville Town Council
WL2 Wellington Council
WL3 Warrnambool City Council
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WO3 Wodonga City Council
WO6 Wanneroo City
WR2 Woollahra Municipal Council
WR3 Wangaratta Rural City Council
WR4 Whitsunday Regional Council
WR5 Wattle Range Council
WR6 Waroona Shire
WS2 Warren Shire Council
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WS8 Wagait Shire
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WT5 West Torrens City Council
WT7 West Tamar Council
WU5 Wudinna District Council
WU6 Wiluna Shire

WV2 Waverley Council
WW2 Wagga Wagga City Council
WW3 West Wimmera Shire Council
WW4 Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
WW7 Waratah-Wynyard Council
WY2 Willoughby City Council
WY3 Wyndham City Council
WY6 Wyalkatchem Shire
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YK6 York Shire
YN6 Yilgarn Shire
YO6 Yalgoo Shire
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YR3 Yarra Ranges Shire Council
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229. File - 2009 Australian Shires Contest Final Rules.doc

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-31 10:48:09 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 218 Message: 229
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

File : 2009 Australian Shires Contest Final Rules.doc
Description : CONTEST RULES

230. File - WAVKS.doc

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-05-31 10:48:09 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 219 Message: 230
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

File : WAVKS.doc
Description : Worked All VK Shires Award

231. Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 05:34:51 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 231 Message: 231

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232. Re: [vkshires] Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 05:45:24 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 231 Message: 232

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cheers

and whats this VK8??????????

where u off to then OVER
----- Original Message -----
From: Craig Edwards
To: vkcc@yahoogroups.com ; vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 3:34 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

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233. FOR THOSE USING A PAPER LOG

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 05:51:24 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 233 Message: 233

http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/vkshires_cab.php SHIRES
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Bruce Horn has developed for us a web based form for entry into the VK Shires to save mailing logs etc..

Very easy to use and you will notice that Bruce also caters for several other contests on his site..

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234. Re: [vkshires] FOR THOSE USING A PAPER LOG

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 05:54:39 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 233 Message: 234

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From: Trent
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235. Re: FOR THOSE USING A PAPER LOG

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 06:00:24 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 233 Message: 235

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Added to the links Page

Regards

Trent

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236. Re: [vkshires] Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 06:38:33 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 231 Message: 236

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73s

Craig VK5HRT (soon to be VK8PDX)

From: Bill Horner Laptop <vk4fw@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, 1 June, 2009 3:15:24 PM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

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237. Re: {Disarmed} Re: [vkshires] Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 06:53:04 UTC
From: Andrew Munson (VK4HAM)
Topic: 231 Message: 237

ha ha ha ha - good one Craig. Reminds me of when I purchased my last home. Although the backyard is not the biggest I managed to talk the wife into the one that was 715m ASL - the highest point in my town.

Andrew VK4HAM

On 6/1/09, Craig Edwards <vk5hrt@...> wrote:
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242. G'day all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 10:22:38 UTC
From: danniph
Topic: 242 Message: 242

I have just joined this group and have just finished reading all the previous postings before introducing myself. I must admit I didn't understand some of it like TX the DX or what ever it was lol.

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243. Re: G'day all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 10:58:35 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 242 Message: 243

Hi Danni,

Your Ft2800 wont cover the frequencies of the VK shires - they are all HF 3.5 to 3.7 Mhz etc.

06:00 is 4pm in VK3. OO:00 UTC is 10:00 am Local time.

The best way to "get into the swing' is to tune the bands listening to other stations - you will hear them calling CQ contest or CQ VK shires when a station calls them they will give an exchange --eg CQ Contest CQ VK Shires this is VK4FXFX Victor Kilo Four Foxtrot Xray Foxtrot Xray calling CQ contest and standing bye..

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This completes the exchange. Both have given signal reports and both have confirmed same. In the main most will give 59 regardless of the actual strength for speed under contest condiitons.

Regarding Cabrillo format :

The Loggers VKCL EIFDI and W3KM all will send to us a Cabrillo file at the end of the contest. If you just use a paper log then use the cabforms link on the links page to manually enter your log after the contest. Use of software makes contesting easier as you can see stations you have already worked and dont need to rework , you keep an ongoing score and you know whether you need a new multiplier..

VERY HANDY

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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244. Re: [vkshires] Re: G'day all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-02 05:50:08 UTC
From: Danni Phillips
Topic: 242 Message: 244

Hi Trent

Thanks for the info. Am I allowed to use HF on an F call licence? If so would borrowing a rig contravene the rules as a lone operator?

Cheers
Danni
VK3FDPH

----- Original Message -----
From: "Trent" <vk4ti@...>
To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 3:58 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: G'day all

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20:45:00

245. Re: [vkshires] Re: G'day all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 13:04:38 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 242 Message: 245

Danni,
Read the detail on the WIA website.
http://www.wia.org.au/licences/foundation/about/
There's a whole range of HF bands you can operate on from 80m upwards. 80m is constrained from 3.5MHz to 3.7MHz but full access 40m,15m & 10m is allowed.
I'm surprised you weren't informed of this information already.

I'm also surprised nobody else in the club is contesting?

246. Re: [vkshires] Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 13:14:24 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 231 Message: 246

Bill

I think that it is clear to most of us that Paul's comments were innocuous.
There is a huge difference between criticism and helpful comment.
This all seems to be turning a spade into a sledge hammer.
I personally believe that the spreadsheet is the best way to go but I expect that there will be some who may need the simplicity of a text file.

73's

de Bill, VK4ZD

------------Original Message------------
From: "Bill Horner Laptop" <vk4fw@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Mon, Jun-1-2009 6:50 PM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

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As for it saying something about me ... your right.....

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If u have constructive input for 2010 contest then do so kindly send it in and it will be discussed by the multitude and then a decision will be forth coming on what the majority feel.

----- Original Message -----
From: "Paul O'Kane" <pokane@...>
To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 6:42 PM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Bill Horner Laptop" <vk4fw@...>
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247. Re: Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 21:05:10 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 231 Message: 247

Hi Bill,

I went through this at length some months ago with an operator who uses Linux and no microsft and required a format he could open for his logger - to stop this problem we posted to the site in DAT format as well as a plain text version of the files.

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Trent VK4TI

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248. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-01 22:46:57 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 248

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /Active VK shires for contest.doc
Uploaded by : vk5hrt <vk5hrt@...>
Description : UPDATED LIST - Contains a listing of competitors for the 2009 VK Shire
contest and their intended shire location

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/Active%20VK%20shires%20for%20contest.doc

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

vk5hrt <vk5hrt@...>

249. Re: [vkshires] Re: Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-02 00:15:17 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 231 Message: 249

Thanks Trent

See you on air :)

73's

de Bill, VK4ZD

------------Original Message------------
From: "Trent" <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tue, Jun-2-2009 7:04 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Great publicity for VK Shires contest on radio sport website

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250. Re: [vkshires] Re: G'day all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-02 20:33:37 UTC
From: Danni Phillips
Topic: 242 Message: 250

G'day Dave

Thanks for the info. I Probably did learn this stuff when I did my F call but I keep getting mixed up with what I can and can't use.

Yes as far as I know no one else is contesting it because when I have talked about it there wan't much discussion about it.

Cheers
Danni
VK3FDPH

----- Original Message -----
From: Dave
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 6:04 AM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Re: G'day all

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251. not long to go now

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-06 02:29:05 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 251 Message: 251

Good luck to everyone for today's VK Shires contest.

On Thursday I set up my ground mounted vertical antenna with 60 x 20m radials near the waters edge to use on 40m and my 4 person tent at the Coorong on the south east coast of VK5. Then on Friday lunchtime I put up a vertical dipole for 15m and 2 element yagi for 20m to complete the mini contest station in the proper alloted time for a rover.

Right on cue it started raining last night and the tent survived a mini-storm and temperatures of 5oC overnight.

But the rain has held off today and its a manageable 15oC in the tent with a mild breeze. But I do have the bureau of meterology site open with an eye on a couple of storms that will probably visit at 0555UTC this afternoon :)

Anyway, that's all part of the fun. Look forward to seeing you all on the air

73s

Craig VK5HRT

Need a Holiday? Win a $10,000 Holiday of your choice. Enter now.http://us.lrd.yahoo.com/_ylc=X3oDMTJxN2x2ZmNpBF9zAzIwMjM2MTY2MTMEdG1fZG1lY2gDVGV4dCBMaW5rBHRtX2xuawNVMTEwMzk3NwR0bV9uZXQDWWFob28hBHRtX3BvcwN0YWdsaW5lBHRtX3BwdHkDYXVueg--/SIG=14600t3ni/**http%3A//au.rd.yahoo.com/mail/tagline/creativeholidays/*http%3A//au.docs.yahoo.com/homepageset/%3Fp1=other%26p2=au%26p3=mailtagline

252. Good luck all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-06 05:56:00 UTC
From: vk2faja
Topic: 252 Message: 252

Hi well it 5 mins to go just want to say good luck to all

cheers vk2faja ill ben on 40 n 80 most of the 24

253. Shire Code for Wyong

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-06 08:14:31 UTC
From: VK2VRD
Topic: 253 Message: 253

Does anyone know the correct shire code for Wyong Shire?

W Z 2 is reporting as an invalid shire on VKCL

Robert - VK2VRD

254. Re: [vkshires] Shire Code for Wyong

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-06 08:23:03 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 253 Message: 254
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Rob

WZ2 is the correct code for Wyong according to the list at vkshires.info.

There was an error in one of the earlier lists where WY2 was used twice.

I have emailed the author of VKCL and let Mike know.

Good Luck in the contest.

Peter VK3ZPF

VK2VRD wrote:

> Does anyone know the correct shire code for Wyong Shire?
>
> W Z 2 is reporting as an invalid shire on VKCL
>
> Robert - VK2VRD
>
>

255. RE: [vkshires] Good luck all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-06 11:44:04 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 252 Message: 255
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Nice to hear you twice..

But people don't forget 20/15/10 of course and for the F calls don't forget 15/10 on Sunday!

I'm hoping to see some 15/10 activity maybe, or atleast co-ordinated band switching.

Anyway,

Cheers & gl all

73

Dave

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of vk2faja
Sent: Saturday, 6 June 2009 3:56 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Good luck all

Hi well it 5 mins to go just want to say good luck to all

cheers vk2faja ill ben on 40 n 80 most of the 24

No virus found in this incoming message.
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Version: 8.5.339 / Virus Database: 270.12.54/2157 - Release Date: 06/05/09 17:55:00

256. greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 09:47:40 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 256 Message: 256

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mobile ph 0428877551
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257. Re: [vkshires] not long to go now

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 09:51:03 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 251 Message: 257

Craig..... u got ur days mixed up..... surely Thursday is in fact Friday and Friday is in fact Saturday.....

Right

----- Original Message -----
From: Craig Edwards
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com ; vkcc@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2009 12:29 PM
Subject: [vkshires] not long to go now

Good luck to everyone for today's VK Shires contest.

On Thursday I set up my ground mounted vertical antenna with 60 x 20m radials near the waters edge to use on 40m and my 4 person tent at the Coorong on the south east coast of VK5. Then on Friday lunchtime I put up a vertical dipole for 15m and 2 element yagi for 20m to complete the mini contest station in the proper alloted time for a rover.

Right on cue it started raining last night and the tent survived a mini-storm and temperatures of 5oC overnight.

But the rain has held off today and its a manageable 15oC in the tent with a mild breeze. But I do have the bureau of meterology site open with an eye on a couple of storms that will probably visit at 0555UTC this afternoon :)

Anyway, that's all part of the fun. Look forward to seeing you all on the air

73s

Craig VK5HRT

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258. Re: [vkshires] greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 10:11:41 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 256 Message: 258
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I worked this contest from home in between all the other things that go on around here. I probably got about 7 hours in front of the radio in total.

I've got a poor set up here with only low slung dipoles as well as S9 + 20dB noise on 80m all the time and S9 noise on 40m nearly all the time.

I made 91 QSO and claimed 6840 points.

Next Saturday is the VK trans Tasman 160m phone contest and I will again be active from the Gilwell Park Scout Camp as VK3SAT.

73
Peter VK3ZPF

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259. Re: [vkshires] greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 10:44:00 UTC
From: Tom Hatton
Topic: 256 Message: 259

Hi Bill,
I had 117contacts for 10260 claimed, No 15 or 10meters not even a beacon, It was good fun however, I missed some this morning "Had things to do"..?? Let's hope next year has better propagation,HI HI
Cheers Tom

From: Bill Horner Laptop <vk4fw@...>
To: vk shires <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, 7 June, 2009 7:47:40 PM
Subject: [vkshires] greetings all

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260. Contest contacts

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 10:53:56 UTC
From: VK2VRD
Topic: 260 Message: 260

You fellows put me to shame. I only managed 55 contacts with a claimed score of 2585. I had no luck on 15m or 10m and only one on 20m. Maybe my antennas are not up to standard yet. Contested from home using an OCF dipole strung between two trees about 6m off the ground. No fancy contest setups for me at this stage. It was great fun and look forward to the next one.

Robert Duck - VK2VRD

261. Re: [vkshires] greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 10:52:25 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 256 Message: 261

I enjoyed the format of the contest, even though I was unable to participate the full 24 hours, due to work commitments.
In the end, I made some contacts on the way home on Saturday afternoon, some more at home on Saturday night and a few on Sunday morning, then some more from the car in between jobs in the afternoon from a different shire. All up around 130 contacts, on 80 and 40m. I don't know how we will score this, operating from both a home station and a portable, but I'll just be submitting the info as a check log, and plan a clear weekend for the contest next year. I could operate portable from 4 different shires easily.
I did wonder if it would be worth considering having it on the Sunday pm through to Monday pm, being a long weekend for most of Australia. This would put it more in the middle of the weekend for dx participants in north America.
Anyway, I enjoyed my participation, and those I contacted seemed to be having a good time too, so all is good!
Best 73,
Luke VK3HJ MR3, MA3

262. Re: [vkshires] greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 10:58:23 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 256 Message: 262

Luke by going to more than one shire u are a rover.

well done mate.......

----- Original Message -----
From: Luke Steele
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2009 8:52 PM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] greetings all

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263. Re: [vkshires] Contest contacts

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 11:01:26 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 260 Message: 263

Robert u did well..... we were on top of a very big hill..... u had ur antenna 6m up were at 370m above sea and then the 80 dipole was at about 40 feet and the 40m vertical was elevated at 10 feet with 36 radials..... and a tri band yagi at 9m and also a multi vertical at 6m.....
So congrats mate and next year will be bigger and better.

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To: VK Shires Group
Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2009 8:53 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Contest contacts

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264. Re: greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 11:45:44 UTC
From: kolashire
Topic: 256 Message: 264

Hi all,

Apologies for the 'glitch' in VKCL re WZ2 code, for which I will take partial responsibility. I did receive the amended Excel file but with no description as to what if anything had changed. I did check that the number of Shires had not changed, but I am afraid I can think of 1001 things more interesting to do than sift through 500+ shire entries looking for what turned out to be a single character change. (I cannot use the Excel file directly but must convert it manually into a dBase IV file.)

The above is a long winded way of asking for a description of changes to be provided when documents such as the Shire list or the Rules are changed. For example, it is of no interest to VKCL if a sponsor of a particular award changes, but if new categories are introduced or points per contact change, that is very much of interest, and it would be a lot easier if the changes were highlighted.

Even though in this contest WZ2 was flagged as 'invalid' it was still possible to log the contact. The Cabrillo log output is just the raw data dump of the log database and the contest manager then re-evaluates all points and multipliers with his software to produce the official score. The scorring that VKCL produces is only for your interest during the contest. The 'claimed score' may be out a bit, but I am not sure what that is used for anyway, except possibly as a gross check, and you can edit that manually if you like.

I am sure that in the future, shires will come and go and change, so to avoid a similar situation, VKCL will flag shires not in the database as 'unknown' with yellow background, but otherwise treat them exactly the same as shires in the database. Of course I will update the database if I am notified of the changes.

I only had less than six hours of operation in this contest, so my score is rather modest 75 contacts for 4725 points. Heard nothing on 10 and 15, not much on 20, with 40 and 80 being noisy as usual. Can't wait for Cycle 24 to get going!!

73,
Mike, VK3AVV

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner Laptop" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
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265. Suggestions for VKCL

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-07 11:52:48 UTC
From: kolashire
Topic: 265 Message: 265

Hello again,

As I hit the 'Send' button on my previous post, I remembered that I should have also said that if anybody has any suggestions for improving the operation of VKCL, now that you have used it in 'anger', please let me know, either through here or directly by email.

Of course no promises are made, but I cannot implement anything that I don't know.

73,
Mike, VK3AVV

266. A VK7 Perspective

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 04:15:30 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 266 Message: 266

Hi all,

All in all, I had a good weekend.

Didn't start out that way though, s9 to s9+20 intermittent PLI noise for around 12 hours.

My apologies to those that called and I did not respond or copy properly, I know that some frustration set in at times, it certainly did on my end , hope it didn't show too much hi!.

Managed to score around 150 or so shires and I think 5 zones by the time I called it quits just after 1:00AM, that was after an extended contact with 3D2MP on 80mts, about half hours worth or better, tnx Mike.

Sunday morning shed a different light on the whole thing, still had noise on 80 & 40 but soon after 5.30am it cleaned up somewhat.
After calling relentlessly on 80 & 40 with negligible response I decided to try 10, 15 & 20mts.

Nothing on 10 or 15mts, kept checking regularly and no signals surfaced for the whole contest.

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This year being the first, a lot of time was spent explain about the contest and the rules. It was amazing how many overseas stations did not know what cq zone they operated from, for that matter it was also surprising to see how many Australians didn't know what shire or local council area they lived in?????????
Amalgamation didn't help in some cases.

Yes, there is going to be an education period for everyone but overall I think the format is ok. I suppose a perusal of results will show whether there needs to be any alterations but I feel in the current format, in years to come this contest will become a major player on the contest scene because of the ability of the overseas stations to participate and do well.

I haven't totaled the amount of shires available to work, I dare say others have, all I know is that there is the possibility of some huge scores from within Australia and overseas, the only factor that will make or break it as a contest as far as I can see is the number of Australian stations participating. If that number remains high then hopefully its success will be guaranteed.

Total shires worked was 165 and total zones worked was 25.

Definitely a contest where you have to make good use of all bands.

Thanks to all those that contributed a contact, a special thanks to those roving mobiles and I hope to see you again next year.

73
Laurie VK7ZE

Sorry, a parting comment - a few notable northern contesters were conspicuous by there absence!

267. Re: [vkshires] A VK7 Perspective

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 05:02:13 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 266 Message: 267

congrats Laurie..... u did very well.
Like u I also had problems with Australians not knowing what shire they were in.....
and yes a few from overseas that did not know.

One thing I am sure of ..... we must have pelnty of VKs take part to ensure its success.....
I look forward to seeing final tallies from the contest manager.

again well done.

----- Original Message -----
From: vk7ze
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 2:15 PM
Subject: [vkshires] A VK7 Perspective

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268. VK shire contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 05:10:44 UTC
From: Vlad - VK2IM
Topic: 268 Message: 268

G'day,

I'd like to congratulate and thanks organizers (Bill, Phil, etc.) for organizing the contest. They have done good job putting it together with excellent promotions. I, for one, would consider this contest as good success for its initial year. Let's hope that this contest will grow into scale of JMFD, RD and OCDX as 4th major 24-h VK contest, but I think several things in the rules have to be addressed before this contest can mature.

VK2IM claimed score:
QSOs: 314 (-2 dupes)
Shires: 131
Zones: 25
Points: 48672
Operating time: 12.1 hours

Out of the 312 was about 160 VK-QSOs (131 mults.) and 150 DX-QSOs (25 mults.). I worked all 6 continents even heard the R1ANB or R1ANC (I think).

Since we invite DX stations to participate, I believe the DX contact were not enough appreciated. For VK there was close to 1 multiplier per VK contact. For DX there was close to 6 contact per multiplier. It was not much point digging out DX's on 20 or 40 when one could easily pick up new mults on 80 SSB at about same pace.

I guess there were simply too many VK multipliers and there was never a multiplier chase as such. 500+ shires times 5 bands times two modes gives you 5000 possible multipliers from VK. Too many.

In RD and JMFD the VK-VK contact can be repeated 3 or 4 hour block. This is a good way to keep the pace up and fun during the whole contest. In RD and JMFD top MO stations (VK2AWA, VK4IZ etc.) can make 1000+ QSO's in this way.

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73's
Vlad

269. Re: [vkshires] VK shire contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 05:51:24 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 268 Message: 269

Vlad on behalf of Trent and myself I would like to thank you for your input for contests of the future.
We invite all participants to voice opinions so that we can make this contest bigger and better for next year.
All things considered I personally think this contest will become the Premier contest here in VK so long as we get full support from VK stations.

As for the dx you are right , it was hard work grinding out qsos to the other side of the world when it was so easy to get VKs in the log .
I have alrready started to work on a revised set of rules for next year.

Whilst these are ideas at this stage I will make a point of saying that dx contacts have got to be worth more than 1 point to ensure more participation between dx and vk.

Again congrats on a great achievement.

regards

----- Original Message -----
From: Vlad - VK2IM
To: vkcc@yahoogroups.com ; vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 3:10 PM
Subject: [vkshires] VK shire contest

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270. Re: [vkshires] greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 05:56:17 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 256 Message: 270

G'day Bill

I only managed 22 contacts totalling 418 points. I think my antenna is a bit deaf plus with an S5 -7 noise on 40 & 80 Meters so I worked on 20m. There was some propagation on 15m & 10m but noone wanted to work those bands.
Aw well I had fun. Maybe do better next year with new antenna.

Thanks for stimulating interest in the shires.

Regards

Peter
VK8HPB

From: Bill Horner Laptop <vk4fw@...m.au>
To: vk shires <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, 7 June, 2009 7:17:40 PM
Subject: [vkshires] greetings all

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Do not fear Trent will adjust everyones score etc when he
starts receiving the logs.

So how did we go
>>>>>>>>>>>

Well we gave u all 3 hours head start..... we just could
not get to our destination and erect a full blown set up in time.
VK4YN was going well at 372m above sea level on a
beautiful spot just outside of Mount Perry (NB4)on the Monto Rd..... then the
bloody rain set in and we were forced to protect expensive equipment... ..... the
upshot is we were forced to start packing up on Sunday morning.
We got to my home and unpacked most just in time to make a
few ssb qsos on 40m from (BU4)..... I must say I was surprised that no one else
in this shire was active ....

Anyway I hope u all had fun.

I would be interested in seeing some scores so please post
some on here.
We made 225 qsos for 31725 points (claimed)

Ok cheers all and I trust we see more ops next
year.

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271. Re: greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 06:15:05 UTC
From: Rossco
Topic: 256 Message: 271

G'day Bill

I worked all my contacts via CW and as a result only managed about 25 Shires and half a dozen or so o/s contacts. I thought there may have been a bit more CW activity than there was, in fact. However I enjoyed it all and may do a bit better next year.

I'll submit my log if only to bulk your numbers out a bit.

Cheers mate

RosscO VK4AQ
Innisfail Q

272. Re: VK shire contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 06:17:00 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 268 Message: 272

Hi Vlad, and others,

You have raised some valid points in your posting and some I definitely agreed with earlier on but have since changed my mind.

There are always two sides to a story and I am still a little undecided on which side of the fence I sit.

This contest hinges greatly upon the strategies undertaken dependent upon conditions at the time.

Like yourself I worked all continents but your percentage of overseas mults was much higher, the vk % was nearly identical.

164 mults from 220 VK's and 25 zones from close to 400 DX
One of the points which will probably raise serious discussion is the 3 or 4 hr block mentioned.

Personally I don't think this system is a good idea for this contest as it raises issues with overseas contacts.

Like, how do we tell them you can only work the mult once but we are allowed 3 or 4 times?

They have to be able to tally a decent score somehow.

If multiple blocks are introduced are VK's going to chase dx or simply chase mults within VK like the RD.

It would also raise issues with logging software.

Initially I thought along similar lines to yourself but then changed my tactics to more suit the conditions and after having time to reflect decided that, hey ☐ it all worked out ok in the end and the format is not so bad.

In regard to there being too many VK mults, I couldn't find enough.

There may be plenty in paper numbers but seriously do we have the numbers of operators to back that up? I don't think so.

If the same format was applied in the USA, for instance to counties, then I think the argument would be valid.

I know we all like to have a perfect world, let's keep our minds open and work towards it with healthy discussion about these issues.
I am sure the organizers will sit back and take it all in.

1000 plus qso's is definitely possible in the current format if a person really put their mind to it and under good operating conditions.

I have no input to this matter just an interest so thanks for your comments.

73
Laurie

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> 8 x 3-hour blocks and ONLY VK-VK contact can be repeated. Not VK-DX.
> VK-DX only once per band/mode/contest.
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> 73's
> Vlad
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273. Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 07:26:46 UTC
From: vk3vth
Topic: 273 Message: 273

Hi All,
I have just arrived home and cleaned up after a wet and foggy Camping weekend. I worked "Rover" (mobile set up in Troopy)in two Shires GS3 and GB3. I worked just about everyone I could hear except 5 or so on 80m from GB3 who had severe QRM at their location. Only managed 66 Contacts in total over about 16 hours, mostly on 80 & 40. Score TBA when I enter into VKCL in the next few days. No workable DX heard what so ever in either location except 2 ZL Stations which I worked easily. Also as a "bonus" I worked ZK2V on 40 just prior to contest open. I did my best to Log 100+ plus however if I couldn't hear them I couldn't work them! Had a great time anyway and thanks to all Contesters!

73! Tony VK3VTH/Mobile Rover

274. Re: greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 08:05:40 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 256 Message: 274

Hey Peter,

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Thanks,
Dave
VK3LDR

275. Comments from VK4VCH

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 09:12:56 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 275 Message: 275

We have just read all the comments so far on the email regarding the contest, after arriving home.
Just like to thank the organisers for setting up the contest as I very much enjoyed it. We set up camp at Leslie Dam near Warwick and ended up with a 80m and 40m dipole in the air, and also a home brew spider beam for 10-15-20 on a wind up tower. We had nice but cold weather, except for a thunder storm at dawn on Sunday, which delayed our start, and so I only worked a total of 14 hours.
After no 20m on Saturday, I very frustratingly listened to VK7ZE working his pileups into the states, and I finally managed to get some of his cast-offs. A special message for VK7ZE - did you make contact with VY0PW around 4.21UTC? - he is in Zone 2 - I did! (I overheard you say that you have not contacted zone 2 from VK7). According to the log program I contacted 161 shires, 13 zones, 266 QSO's, totalling 46,110 points, give or take WZ2. (The only contact on 15m one JA). 3 different operators in VK8.
I was very impressed with the number of participants, so I hope that you get a good number of logs sent in, and especially a log from a DX area other than ZL (there was one I talked to who knew about the contest).
I liked the fact that I was still scoring multipliers right up to the end. I think the operators that I call "casual contestants" liked it and participated more because they only needed a shire code (which we were able to give them anyway), and they didn't have to remember any numbers and keep track of them.
For any changes, some stations are set up and achieve high DX results, and others are working only with, say an, off-centre fed di-pole. Regarding a suggestion about only working a VK shire once, it may exclude other operators that are trying to work out of the same shire. I really liked the timing of the start, finish and length, it was just right.
Thanks for a great contest.
Catherine VK4VCH

276. Comments from VK3LDR

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 10:41:24 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 276 Message: 276

Hi all,

Well I operated about 14 or so hours, 141 contacts with calculated score of 15707. 109 shire multipliers and 4 zone multipliers only.

15/10m was dead, the few times I scanned those bands there was nothing at all. I did try and encourage a few along the way to try hi hi. 20m was not busy at all with less than 20 contacts and as expected mostly VK4. My s6/7 noise floor on 80/40m made it hard to pull a few through etc. and I had to drop a few people along the way. There were likely people trying to respond to me that I couldn't hear. 40m shutdown suddenly on Saturday arvo as well but I think that was around the same time 80m came alive.

I think the format is good, but I think operators need more encouragement to operate on the higher bands, maybe a bit like the RD contest encourages people intra-state to score points only on 160m and 10m. There was still sufficent life throughout the contest I think without repeat block hours, but perhaps repeat contacts should be considered say between the 2 days maybe.

As has been pointed out by others, it's easy for non contestors to join in briefly etc. without needing to bother with sequential serial numbers.

Maybe next year the pesky Plasma near the inlaws might be gone and I can try and operate from the nice RF quiet location on Mt Dandenong!

My question remains though, how would a contestor not watching this site or just casually entering know to answer a rover station calling if they were none the wiser that station had moved shire? What did the rovers do?

It was great fun exchanging reports with everyone, and I look forward to the next contest and next years VK Shires and of course always happy to have a chat on air regardless.

73,
Dave
VK3LDR

277. Rover response re Dave VK3LDR Question

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 11:14:29 UTC
From: vk3vth
Topic: 277 Message: 277

Hi Dave/Group,
you asked...My question remains though, how would a contestor not watching this site or just
casually entering know to answer a rover station calling if they were none the
wiser that station had moved shire? What did the rovers do?

I must admit I did find it hard sometimes getting the message across I was in a new Shire particurarly when they both commenced with "G".
I suspect a few ignored my calls for the simple reason thay had worked me earlier. I did emphasise "Mobile" and certainly a few stations picked up on this. I was occasinaly adding "new Shire" also to my calls but I think some did not understand what I was suggesting.

The jury is in deliberation at present regarding my "Rover" operation next year. I have a few ideas to improve my results however not sure which way to go at present. A warm campervan may be the better option than dodging Roos and driving up (and down) a very wet foggy dirt track with 2-3m Viz. Hi Hi!

Cheers

Tony VK3VTH

278. Re: [vkshires] Re: greetings all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 13:48:17 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 256 Message: 278

G'day Dave, et al

It was an interesting contest with some modifications to this station before next year.
It was a pleasure to give out shire to all. Have to keep VK8 alive and in the hunt so to speak.

The contest was on a weekend of festivities here in Darwin so that probably attributed to the lack of VK8's.
I guess because we live in a beatiful climate one day and perfect the next we don't like to sit in front of a radio calling so we go out and have a bit of fun. But having said that it's not an excuse not to participate.

I think the format of the contest is fine perhaps modify just a leeetle bit.

That's my $0.02 worth.

To Bill and Trent Keep up the good work.
Old Chinese proverb.....It is the water that wears away the stone......

73 All

Peter VK8HPB

From: vk3ldr <roity57@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, 8 June, 2009 5:35:40 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: greetings all

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279. Re: [vkshires] Rover response re Dave VK3LDR Question

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 14:52:14 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 277 Message: 279

At 11:14 8/06/2009 +0000, you wrote:
>Hi Dave/Group,
>you asked...My question remains though, how would a contestor not watching this site or just
>casually entering know to answer a rover station calling if they were none the
>wiser that station had moved shire? What did the rovers do?
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I started responding as "VK3HJ Portable", but stations' immediate reply was "we already worked on this band", whereupon I stressed I was in a new shire. Then the op pondered a while, and finally agreed they could log me. This wasted a lot of time.
I called "CQ contest, VK3HJ portable Mt Alexander Shire" and I still think this took a while to sink in.

Perhaps we could call "CQ contest <call> ROVER <shire>".
It's all a mouthfull, and could get tedious over 24 hours!

Good to see lots of Foundation licensees active in the new contest.

It still amazes me how many people out there don't listen to the WIA news, read AR, and otherwise keep informed. Every contest, there are always people asking what the contest is all about. Any time I find contest activity I don't know about, I look up my sources: AR, DX news, and DX clusters, and then decide if I want to get involved, and what the proper exchanges are.
No one else in my club contests or dx-es. The hobby has so many niches, that some seem happy to remain solely in one or other. My interests are more catholic, so each to their own, I suppose.

Trans-Tasman 160m contest next weekend to look forward to!
Best 73,
Luke VK3HJ

280. VK shires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-08 22:59:01 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 280 Message: 280

Hi everyone

Had a great long weekend down at the Coorong. When I got there Thursday to put up the tent and erect the vertical, the weather was great. Friday was nice and I could do some sightseeing in the morning and DXing in the afternoon. Mind you come Saturday morning the weather was cold and wet and putting up a full size two element yagi in the wind and rain on Saturday morning was painful. Then the 15m vertical dipole I put up after that was very lonely as no QSOs were made on it. It rained all Sunday and offcourse on Monday during pack up.

I found 40m for VK contacts alive and kicking for the first 90 minutes until everyone jumped onto 80m. I felt this 40m and 80m session is where you can lay a solid foundation of VK shire multipliers and points and go to bed happy.

The rain on Sunday morning in the tent was so heavy that I couldn't here stations even with me pressing the headphones tight into my skull, so that delayed the start a little. 40m Sunday morning was another great chance to add to the multipliers list, especially as everyone went to 80m so early on Saturday night and they never seemed to come back.

With this year's JMFD, I had lots of 20m contacts during the day, but not so with this contest. I can't recall how many VK contacts I had on 20m, but I'm guessing around 20 at the most. I really didn't mind this too much, because as Laurie VK7ZE mentioned, the DX on 20m around from 0200 UTC was wonderful. I noticed Laurie kickin butt and taking names on 14225 into stateside and then LP into Europe a little later, so well done. Then I saw VK4VCH and VK4WIL having DX success a little higher up. I only worked 14 DX stations on 20m but that's because I could only get the yagi up to 5m high so it didn't have the low take off angle I needed. A one man trailer tower was needed for this trip!!

I made 226 QSOs with 157 multipliers (146 shires + 11 zones) to get 35168 points.

Next year I'll be operating from Alice Springs it'll be good to give out the AS8 multiplier to everyone. The 10m, 15m and 20m bands will also be in better shape then too.

Well done to everyone who had a hand in organising things. I'd also like to see the DX stations have a higher point value. That would have stopped my from feeling guilty when from 0200-0530 I was too busy going for DX on 20m rather than going to 40m at 0400 UTC as I had originally planned to get more VK shire multipliers :)

73s

Craig VK5HRT

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281. VK Shires contest – write up for AR magazin e Contest Column

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-09 03:16:18 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 281 Message: 281

Hi everyone

I'm now doing the AR's Contest column. For the August issue I'll be writing about the experiences of the VK Shires contest. I don't just want to babble on about my own triumphs and tragedies during that 24 hour period, but rather have an account from as many people as possible.

So if you have a funny, exciting, frustrating or just plain weird experience from the weekend then please send it in to me. It would be great to get a few sentences from people so that the AR get a sense of what went on.

Cheers

Craig VK5HRT

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282. VK Shire Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-09 13:49:17 UTC
From: Leonie
Topic: 282 Message: 282

Hello All

My name is Leonie, I am VK2FHRK, as you can see by callsign I am an F call or as I have become use to an F-Trooper hi hi.

Anyway I enjoyed the contest,and I would like to thank those responsible for all the work and effort you have put into making this event evolve and occur. I stayed awake until around 2am sunday morning...whereas I became so cold that I thought I should try and warm up and thus I went to bed..there I stayed until around 6/ 6.30am..then I had some brekky and back into it....until the end

I continued until the end...I did have some company through the night on saturday. That company was my 71 year old Mum....she is very supportive of my hobby...LOL....She said it was not fair that I had to operate using such a slack antenna...She said I could have had a much better end result if I had another anteena...We can all have a wish list I told her....There is a reason I am unable to have a better antenna...one day I may tell LOL. My antenna is a base loaded vertical...actually it is a converted station master...It has some osrt of loaded base...which I control from a small box within my 'shack'. This box allows me to go to 80m/40m/15m and 10m. All with the flick of a switch. I have had a OCF antenna up BUT the wind has broken the stay within a tree a few times that I have given this idea up for the present time.

Anyway back to the contest....I worked around 131 stations and hope to receive a score of around 11000 points.......I had to retreive my needle quite a number of times when some of those contacted stations just boomed into Lake Macquarie....I would like to thank all those that perservered with my callsign...I know the four letter calls are sometimes confusing...BUT.. so are callsigns when they are given in NON phonetics....that 'we' are made to learn LOL.....they throw ones brain into a spin.....takes a little time to catch the letters hihi..

Anyway I hope to catch some of you in other contests...as this is really the part of amateur radio I enjoy.....

Cheers
Leonie VK2FHRK

283. vk shires award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-10 12:35:46 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 283 Message: 283

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Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
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284. RE: [vkshires] vk shires award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-10 13:35:10 UTC
From: Dave
Topic: 283 Message: 284

Hmmm... good point, I just checked and have worked 69 shires :D

Probably more obviously if I look back at my own logs over the past 6 months
J

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf
Of Bill Horner Laptop
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2009 10:36 PM
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285. Re: VK shire contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-11 00:30:10 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 268 Message: 285

Thanks for the input Vlad,

The contest has some of our strategy experts divided and the biggest score so far in the contest used a very interesting strategy.I think scores of over 1 Million points (over 1000 QSOs) will be required to win the contest (Home Station) when it reaches maturity and the sunspots catch up with us..ITU zones are an interesting alternative but WPX is not as it would emulate the ODXT. After I cross check the logs I will be able to post some reports as to what worked and what did not. That wont happen until the close of log acceptances.

Regarding Multipliers..

When the idea was conceived we wished to encourage the band change AND the mode change.YES there are lots of Mults inside VK but there are also lots of ops in NA..for example when you are running EU on 20M at 3 per minute is it more productive to be on 80M ? very good question.. from the logs it appears that the answer is to work the DX pileups..but I will hold that back until the are all cross checked.

Regards

Thanks to all who entered the contest.

Trent VK4TI

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> continents. Say, VK and ZL 1 point and different continents: high bands
> DX 3 points, low bands DX 5 points.
> 4.To keep the pace up, the contest should be divided into 6 x 4-hour or
> 8 x 3-hour blocks and ONLY VK-VK contact can be repeated. Not VK-DX.
> VK-DX only once per band/mode/contest.
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> 73's
> Vlad
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286. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-11 05:18:25 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 286

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /ZL2CQ - Log
Uploaded by : paul_zl2cq <zl2cq@...>
Description : Limited Log

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/ZL2CQ%20-%20Log

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.htmlfiles

Regards,

paul_zl2cq <zl2cq@...>

287. ZL Memorial Contest - July '09

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-11 19:48:41 UTC
From: Paul Manley
Topic: 287 Message: 287

NZART MEMORIAL CONTEST RULES
To commemorate those from our ranks who lost their lives in
World War Two.

When:
First Saturday and Sunday evenings in July.
A total of six operating periods,
three each evening of one hour each
from 0800 ☐ 1100 UTC (8.00 pm to 11.00 pm Saturday NZT and 8.00 pm to 11.00 pm Sunday NZT).

Open to all Operators as per Rules.

http://www.nzart.org.nz/contests/2009/2009-memorial-rules.pdf

Need a bit of support guys, many thanks,

Paul - ZL2CQ

288. ur logs

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-12 22:26:57 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 288 Message: 288

Don't forget people to get ur calibro file into the contest manager on time..... also remember to check ur log to see if u qualify for the basic award (50 shires)
In the next week or so I will release a proposed trip that I am doing where I activate 40 odd shires. I will have hf on board and will daily be calling in on the travellers net (14.116) as well as listening on 7.080 or there abouts.

regards

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289. certificate design

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-14 00:20:29 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 289 Message: 289

I have just finished the certificate designs for the contest and for the award. I have now just to go and purchase some flash certificate card.
Award rules are on this site as a downloadable file. Many of you will automatically have qualified for the basic wavksa so please be sure to send me ur details as per the rules.
Meantime I will send a request to all the sponsors to send me their sponsorships.

Lastly please remember to get your contest logs in on time.

regards

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290. File - ALL VK SHIRES .... MUNICIPALITIES 2009.xls

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-14 10:43:38 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 220 Message: 290
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File : ALL VK SHIRES .... MUNICIPALITIES 2009.xls
Description : updated list 24.01.2009

291. File - 2009 Australian Shires Contest Final Rules.doc

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-14 10:43:37 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 218 Message: 291
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File : 2009 Australian Shires Contest Final Rules.doc
Description : CONTEST RULES

292. File - VKShires_Mults.dat

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-14 10:43:38 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 221 Message: 292

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AC2 Albury City Council
AC5 Port Augusta City Council
AD2 Armidale Dumaresq Council
AD5 Adelaide City Council
AE5 Port Adelaide Enfield City Council
AH5 Adelaide Hills Council
AK6 Armadale City
AL6 Albany City
AM6 Augusta-Margaret River Shire
AP5 Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
AR3 Ararat Rural City Council
AS2 The Council of the Municipality of Ashfield
AS3 Alpine Shire Council
AS6 Ashburton Shire
AS8 Alice Springs Town Council
AU2 Auburn Council
AU4 Aurukun Shire Council
AX5 Alexandrina Council
BA2 Balranald Shire Council
BA4 Banana Shire Council
BA5 Barossa Council
BA6 Bassendean Shire
BB2 The Council of the City of Botany Bay
BB3 Baw Baw Shire Council
BB6 Boyup Brook Shire
BC2 Bankstown City Council
BC3 Banyule City Council
BC4 Barcaldine Regional Council
BC7 Brighton Council
BD2 Bland Shire Council
BE2 Bellingen Shire Council
BE5 Berri Barmera Council
BE6 Broome Shire
BE8 Belyuen Community Council
BG6 Bridgetown-Greenbushes Shire
BH2 Broken Hill City Council
BK2 Bourke Shire Council
BK3 Brimbank City Council
BK4 Burdekin Shire Council
BK6 Brookton Shire
BL2 Blacktown City Council
BL4 Balonne Shire Council
BL6 Belmont City
BM2 Blue Mountains City Council
BN2 Berrigan Shire Council
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BN4 Brisbane City Council
BN6 Busselton Shire
BO2 Bogan Shire Council
BO3 Boroondara City Council
BO4 Barcoo Shire Council
BO6 Boddington Shire
BO7 Break O'Day Council
BQ2 Byron Shire Council
BR2 Bathurst Regional Council
BR3 Benalla Rural City Council
BR4 Burke Shire Council
BR6 Bruce Rock Shire
BS2 Ballina Shire Council
BS3 Bass Coast Shire Council
BS4 Bulloo Shire Council
BS8 Barkley Shire
BT3 Ballarat City Council
BT4 Blackall-Tambo Regional Council
BU2 Burwood Council
BU3 Buloke Shire Council
BU4 Bundaberg Regional Council
BU5 Burnside City Council
BU7 Burnie City Council
BV2 Bega Valley Shire Council
BV6 Beverley Shire
BW2 Brewarrina Shire Council
BW5 District Council of Barunga West
BW6 Bayswater City
BX2 Bombala Council
BY2 Blayney Shire Council
BY3 Bayside City Council
BY6 Bunbury City
BZ2 Boorowa Council
BZ4 Boulia Shire Council
CA2 Cootamundra Shire Council
CA3 Campaspe Shire Council
CA5 Campbelltown City Council
CA6 Canning City
CB2 City of Canada Bay Council
CB6 Cambridge Shire
CC2 Camden Council
CC3 Casey City Council
CC4 Cassowary Coast Regional Council
CC5 Copper Coast District Council
CC7 Central Coast Council
CC8 Coomalie Community Government Council
CD2 Central Darling Shire Council
CD6 Cunderdin Shire
CD8 Central Desert Shire
CE2 Coonamble Shire Council

CE3 Corangamite Shire Council
CE5 Ceduna District Council
CG2 Conargo Shire Council
CG3 Central Goldfields Shire Council
CG4 Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
CG5 Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
CG6 Coolgardie Shire
CH2 Coffs Harbour City Council
CH4 Central Highlands Regional Council
CH6 Carnamah Shire
CH7 Central Highlands Council
CI6 Chittering Shire
CI7 Circular Head Council
CK2 Cessnock City Council
CK4 Cook Shire Council
CK6 Cranbrook Shire
CL2 Carrathool Shire Council
CL5 Cleve District Council
CL6 Cottesloe Shire
CL7 Clarence City Council
CM2 Cooma-Monaro Shire Council
CN2 Campbelltown City Council
CN6 Carnarvon Shire
CO2 Coolamon Shire Council
CO3 Colac-Otway Shire Council
CO5 Coorong District Council
CO6 Collie Shire
CP4 Carpentaria Shire Council
CP5 Coober Pedy District Council
CP6 Capel Shire
CQ6 Cuballing Shire
CR2 Cobar Shire Council
CR4 Cairns Regional Council
CR6 Cockburn City
CS2 Cabonne Shire Council
CS3 Cardinia Shire Council
CS4 Croydon Shire Council
CS5 Charles Sturt City Council
CS6 Corrigin Shire
CT1 ACT
CT4 Charters Towers Regional Council
CT6 Claremont Shire
CU6 Cue Shire
CV2 Clarence Valley Council
CV6 Chapman Valley Shire
CW2 Cowra Shire Council
CW6 Coorow Shire
CX6 Christmas Island Shire
CY2 Canterbury City Council
CY4 Cloncurry Shire Council

CZ2 Corowa Shire Council
CZ6 Cocos Keeling Shire
DB6 Donnybrook-Balingup Shire
DC2 Deniliquin Council
DC3 Darebin City Council
DC7 Devonport City Council
DC8 Darwin City Council
DG2 Dungog Shire Council
DG6 Dumbleyung Shire
DI4 Diamantina Shire Council
DK6 Denmark Shire
DN6 Dandaragan Shire
DO4 Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council
DO7 Dorset Council
DP6 Dardanup Shire
DR4 Dalby Regional Council
DR6 Dowerin Shire
DS6 Dundas Shire
DU2 Dubbo City Council
DU6 Dalwallinu Shire
DV7 Derwent Valley Council
DW6 Derby-West Kimberley Shire
EA8 East Arnhem Shire
EF6 East Freemantle Shire
EG3 East Gippsland Shire Council
EH6 Exmouth Shire
EL5 District Council of Elliston
EP6 East Pilbara Shire
ES2 Eurobodalla Shire Council
ES6 Esperance Shire
ET4 Etheridge Shire Council
FC2 Fairfield City Council
FC3 Frankston City Council
FC4 Fraser Coast Regional Council
FC7 Flinders Council
FH5 Franklin Harbour District Council
FL4 Flinders Shire Council
FM6 Fremantle City
FR5 Flinders Ranges Council
FS2 Forbes Shire Council
GA3 Gannawarra Shire Council
GA5 Town of Gawler
GB3 Greater Bendigo City Council
GC2 Gosford City Council
GC4 Gold Coast City Council
GC5 Gerard Council
GC7 Glenorchy City Council
GD2 Gundagai Shire Council
GD3 Greater Dandenong City Council
GD5 Grant District Council

GE3 Glen Eira City Council
GF2 Griffith City Council
GG3 Greater Geelong City Council
GG6 Gingin Shire
GH2 Greater Hume Shire Council
GI2 Glen Innes Severn Council
GI4 Goondiwindi Regional Council
GK2 Great Lakes Council
GL2 Gloucester Shire Council
GL3 Glenelg Shire Council
GM2 Goulburn Mulwaree Council
GM6 Goomalling Shire
GN6 Geraldton-Greenough City
GP3 Golden Plains Shire Council
GP6 Gnowangerup Shire
GR4 Gladstone Regional Council
GR5 Goyder Regional Council
GS2 Gilgandra Shire Council
GS3 Greater Shepparton City Council
GS6 Gosnells City
GS7 Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
GT2 Greater Taree City Council
GT7 George Town Council
GU2 Gunnedah Shire Council
GW2 Gwydir Shire Council
GY2 Guyra Shire Council
GY4 Gympie Regional Council
HB2 The Council of the Shire of Hornsby
HB3 Hobsons Bay City Council
HB4 Hinchinbrook Shire Council
HB5 City of Holdfast Bay
HC2 Hawkesbury City Council
HC3 Hume City Council
HC6 Halls Creek Shire
HC7 Hobart City Council
HD2 Holroyd City Council
HH2 The Council of the Municipality of Hunters Hill
HI3 Hindmarsh Shire Council
HN2 Harden Shire Council
HR3 Horsham Rural City Council
HS2 The Hills Shire Council
HS3 Hepburn Shire Council
HV2 Hurstville City Council
HV4 Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
HV7 Huon Valley Council
HY2 Hay Shire Council
HY6 Harvey Shire
IN6 Irwin Shire
IP4 Ipswich City Council
IR4 Isaac Regional Council

IS2 Inverell Shire Council
IS3 Indigo Shire Council
JO6 Joondalup City
JP6 Jerramungup Shire
JS2 Jerilderie Shire Council
JU2 Junee Shire Council
KA2 The Council of the Municipality of Kiama
KA6 Kalamunda Shire
KB5 Kimba District Council
KC3 Kingston City Council
KC7 Kentish Council
KC8 Katherine Town Council
KD6 Kondinin Shire
KG6 Katanning Shire
KH7 Kingborough Council
KI5 Kangaroo Island Council
KI7 King Island Council
KL6 Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
KM2 Kogarah Municipal Council
KM5 Karoonda East Murray District Council
KN6 Kellerberrin Shire
KO6 Koorda Shire
KP6 Kojonup Shire
KR5 Kingston Regional Council
KS2 Kempsey Shire Council
KT6 Kent Shire
KU2 Ku-ring-gai Council
KU6 Kulin Shire
KW6 Kwinana Shire
KX3 Knox City Council
KY2 Kyogle Council
KY4 Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
LA6 Leonora Shire
LA7 Launceston City Council
LC2 Lane Cove Municipal Council
LC3 Latrobe City Council
LC4 Logan City Council
LC7 Latrobe Council
LE2 Leeton Shire Council
LE5 District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
LG6 Lake Grace Shire
LH4 Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
LH5 Le Hunte District Council
LI8 Litchfield Shire
LK2 Lockhart Shire Council
LM2 Lake Macquarie City Council
LO4 Longreach Regional Council
LP2 Liverpool Plains Shire Council
LR2 Lismore City Council
LR5 Light Regional Council

LS2 Lachlan Shire Council
LS3 Loddon Shire Council
LT2 Leichhardt Municipal Council
LV2 Liverpool City Council
LV4 Lockyer Valley Regional Council
LV6 Laverton Shire
LW2 City of Lithgow Council
LW5 Loxton Waikerie District Council
MA3 Mount Alexander Shire Council
MA5 Marion City Council
MB4 Moreton Bay Regional Council
MB5 Mt Barker District Council
MC2 Maitland City Council
MC3 Melbourne City Council
MC5 Mitcham City Council
MC8 Macdonell Shire
MD3 Maroondah City Council
MD5 Mallala District Council
MD6 Merredin Shire
ME2 Marrickville Council
ME6 Mullewa Shire
MG3 Maribyrnong City Council
MG4 Mornington Shire Council
MG5 Mount Gambier City Council
MG6 Mundaring Shire
MH3 Monash City Council
MH4 Murweh Shire Council
MH6 Mandurah City
MI3 Mildura Rural City Council
MI4 Mount Isa City Council
MK2 Muswellbrook Shire Council
MK4 McKinlay Shire Council
MK6 Meekatharra Shire
ML3 Mitchell Shire Council
ML6 Mount Marshall Shire
MM2 Mosman Municipal Council
MM3 Manningham City Council
MM5 Mid Murray Council
MM6 Mount Magnet Shire
MN3 Melton Shire Council
MN6 Murchison Shire
MO3 Moira Shire Council
MO6 Moora Shire
MP2 Moree Plains Shire Council
MP3 Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
MP4 Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
MP6 Manjimup Shire
MR3 Macedon Ranges Shire Council
MR4 Mackay Regional Council
MR5 Mount Remarkable District Council

MR6 Morawa Shire
MS2 Murray Shire Council
MS3 Mansfield Shire Council
MS6 Mossman Park Shire
MT5 Maralinga Tjarutja
MU2 Murrumbidgee Shire Council
MU3 Murrindindi Shire Council
MU5 Murray Bridge Council
MU6 Mukinbudin Shire
MV3 Moonee Valley City Council
MV6 Melville City
MV7 Meander Valley Council
MW2 Mid-Western Regional Council
MW6 Mingenew Shire
MX3 Moreland City Council
MY2 Manly Council
MY3 Moyne Shire Council
MY6 Murray Shire
MZ3 Moorabool Shire Council
MZ6 Menzies Shire
NA2 Nambucca Shire Council
NA4 Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
NA5 Northern Areas Council
NB4 North Burnett Regional Council
NC2 Newcastle City Council
NC5 Nepabunna Community Incorporated
NG3 Northern Grampians Shire Council
NG6 Narrogin Shire
NH6 Northampton Shire
NI2 Narrabri Shire Council
NL5 Naracoorte Lucindale Council
NL6 Nedlands City
NM2 Narromine Shire Council
NM6 Northam Shire
NM7 Northern Midlands Council
NN6 Narembeen Shire
NO6 Northam City
NP4 Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
NP5 "The City Of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters"
NP6 Nannup Shire
NR6 Nungarin Shire
NS2 Narrandera Shire Council
NS3 Nillumbik Shire Council
NT6 Narrogin City
NU6 Ngaanyatjarraku Shire
NY2 North Sydney Council
OA5 Outback Areas Community Development Trust
OC2 Oberon Council
OC5 Onkaparinga City Council
OR2 Orange City Council

OR5 District Council of Orroroo Carrieton
PC2 Parramatta City Council
PC5 Playford City Council
PC8 Palmerston City Council
PE6 Perth City
PG2 Palerang Council
PG6 Peppermint Grove Shire
PH2 Penrith City Council
PH5 District Council of Peterborough
PH6 Port Headland Shire
PI2 Pittwater Council
PI4 Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
PJ6 Perenjori Shire
PK2 Parkes Shire Council
PL5 City of Pt Lincoln
PM2 Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
PP3 Port Phillip City Council
PP4 Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
PP5 Port Pirie Regional Council
PR5 Prospect City Council
PS2 Port Stephens Council
PS3 Pyrenees Shire Council
PS4 Paroo Shire Council
PT6 Plantagenet Shire
PY6 Pingelly Shire
QB3 "Queenscliffe, Borough of"
QC2 Queanbeyan City Council
QG6 Quairading Shire
QS4 Quilpie Shire Council
RB6 Roebourne Shire
RC2 Rockdale City Council
RD5 Robe District Council
RE2 Ryde City Council
RG8 Roper Gulf Shire
RI4 Richmond Shire Council
RK2 Randwick City Council
RM4 Roma Regional Council
RM6 Rockingham City
RP5 Renmark Paringa District Council
RR4 Rockhampton Regional Council
RS4 Redland City Council
RT6 Ravensthorpe Shire
RV2 Richmond Valley Council
RX5 Municipal Council of Roxby Downs
SB4 South Burnett Regional Council
SB5 District Council of Streaky Bay
SB6 Shark Bay Shire
SC2 Shellharbour City Council
SC3 Stonnington City Council
SC4 Sunshine Coast Regional Council

SC5 Salisbury City Council
SC7 Sorell Council
SD4 Southern Downs Regional Council
SG3 South Gippsland Shire Council
SH2 Shoalhaven City Council
SH3 Swan Hill Rural City Council
SJ6 Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire
SM2 Strathfield Municipal Council
SM4 Somerset Regional Council
SM5 Southern Mallee District Council and Community
SM7 Southern Midlands Council
SP6 South Perth City
SR2 Snowy River Shire Council
SR4 Scenic Rim Regional Council
SS2 Singleton Shire Council
SS3 Southern Grampians Shire Council
SS6 Sandstone Shire
ST3 Strathbogie Shire Council
ST6 Stirling City
SU2 Sutherland Shire Council
SU3 Surf Coast Shire Council
SU6 Subiaco City
SW6 Swan City
SY2 Council of the City of Sydney
TB5 Tumby Bay District Council
TC7 Tasman Council
TD2 Tenterfield Shire Council
TE2 Temora Shire Council
TG6 Trayning Shire
TI4 Torres Shire Council
TI8 Tiwi Islands Local Government
TM6 Tammin Shire
TP6 Tambellup/Broomehill Shire
TR2 Tamworth Regional Council
TR4 Tablelands Regional Council
TS3 Towong Shire Council
TS4 Torres Strait Island Regional Council
TS6 Three Springs Shire
TT2 Tumut Shire Council
TT5 Tea Tree Gully City Council
TU2 Tumbarumba Shire Council
TV4 Townsville City Council
TW2 Tweed Shire Council
TW4 Toowoomba Regional Council
TY6 Toodyay Shire
UC5 Unley City Council
UG6 Upper Gascoyne Shire
UH2 Upper Hunter Shire Council
UL2 Upper Lachlan Shire Council
UR2 Urana Shire Council

US2 Uralla Shire Council
VD8 Victoria Daly Shire
VH5 City of Victor Harbor
VP6 Victoria Park Shire
VS6 Victoria Plains Shire
VT6 Vincent Shire
WA2 Walcha Council
WA3 Whittlesea City Council
WA6 West Arthur Shire
WA8 West Arnhem Shire
WB2 Wingecarribee Shire Council
WB4 Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
WB6 Wongan-Ballidu Shire
WC2 Warringah Council
WC7 West Coast Council
WD2 Weddin Shire Council
WD5 Wakefield Regional Council
WD6 Wandering Shire
WE2 Warrumbungle Shire Council
WE6 Wyndham-East Kimberley Shire
WG2 Wollongong City Council
WG6 Woodanilling Shire
WH2 Wentworth Shire Council
WH3 Whitehorse City Council
WH5 Whyalla City Council
WI4 Winton Shire Council
WI6 Wickepin Shire
WK2 The Council of the Shire of Wakool
WK5 Walkerville Town Council
WL2 Wellington Council
WL3 Warrnambool City Council
WL6 Williams Shire
WN6 Wagin Shire
WO2 Wollondilly Shire Council
WO3 Wodonga City Council
WO6 Wanneroo City
WR2 Woollahra Municipal Council
WR3 Wangaratta Rural City Council
WR4 Whitsunday Regional Council
WR5 Wattle Range Council
WR6 Waroona Shire
WS2 Warren Shire Council
WS3 Wellington Shire Council
WS6 Westonia Shire
WS8 Wagait Shire
WT2 Walgett Shire Council
WT5 West Torrens City Council
WT7 West Tamar Council
WU5 Wudinna District Council
WU6 Wiluna Shire

WV2 Waverley Council
WW2 Wagga Wagga City Council
WW3 West Wimmera Shire Council
WW4 Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
WW7 Waratah-Wynyard Council
WY2 Willoughby City Council
WY3 Wyndham City Council
WY6 Wyalkatchem Shire
WZ2 Wyong Shire Council
YA4 Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
YA5 Yalata
YC3 Yarra City Council
YD5 Yankalilla District Council
YK6 York Shire
YN6 Yilgarn Shire
YO6 Yalgoo Shire
YP5 Yorke Peninsula District Council
YR3 Yarra Ranges Shire Council
YS2 Young Shire Council
YS3 Yarriambiack Shire Council
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293. File - WAVKS.doc

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-14 10:43:38 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 219 Message: 293
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File : WAVKS.doc
Description : Worked All VK Shires Award

294. auto files

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-14 11:58:24 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 294 Message: 294

I have just edited them so that we will get no more till next year.

For those of you who wish to chase the actual award I strongly suggest that u utilise the excel spreadsheet format to do so ..... I would need to have station worked, date, utc etc.
The file is fully set up for alterations so it is easy for u to modify it with various columns.

regards

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295. update on the yahoo site

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-14 23:00:21 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 295 Message: 295

Below is a copy of the front page text that I have just updated. I have done this because of the over whelming support we have received in the contest last weekend. Both Trent and I are very pleased with the inaugural contest and the amount of enquiries about the award. All certificate designs are now done and I have to now find some decent quality card to print on.

regards all

The program administrators set this site up so that fellow amateurs throughout the world can receive up to date information relevant to this program. The program is in two parts.... the contest and the award.
The next yearly contest will be held June 5th, 2010 commencing at 06.00utc and ending on June 6th, 2010 at 06.00utc

Throughout the year there are many amateurs who travel throughout Australia and we would like them to inform the rest of us of possible shires they may activate.
As a guideline the following frequencies are recommended to be used to give the multitude a chance to work those rare ones:
80m..... 3.580 ssb and 3.530 cw
40m..... 7.080 ssb and 7.030 cw
20m..... 14.180 ssb and 14.030 cw
15m..... 21.180 ssb and 21.030 cw
10m..... 28.380 ssb and 28.030 cw

Nets..... nil at this time but we are happy to have them start (volunteers required)

We would be very pleased if VK operators could in fact be familiar with their shire and look at the possibility of printing it on their qsl card.
This whole program will only be as good as we all make it so please try to promote it where possible.
Both Trent VK4TI and Bill VK4FW will be very happy to help in any way they can.

Catch you from that rare one soon.

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296. vk4dmc/8

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-14 23:04:48 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 296 Message: 296

Dale is enroute to Darwin.
Last night he was at Warana Waterhole about 50km from Barkley Homestead..... he had a good 56 signal here on 80m.

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297. One man tower demo and Boot sale

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-17 13:00:55 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 297 Message: 297
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73's

de Bill, VK4ZD
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Hi All,

The Lockyer Valley Radio and Electronics Club will be hosting a demo of the
One Man Tower by Kev, VK4KKD, the owner/builder.

Camping/Caravaning is available at Lake Dyer where the demo will take place. A brochure is attached FYI.

Bring lunch or BBQ for Sunday July 12, starting at 10:30 onwards. Boot sales/trading welcome.

Please send me a quick email if you plan to attend. Hopefully we can reserve enough tables for the day.

Please pass this on to fellow members/freinds of other clubs, as I only have some ham emails in my address book.

Remember to check our web site, www.lvrec.org for updates.

Thank you
Alan
VK4SN

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298. LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-18 21:51:45 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 298 Message: 298

Hi Everyone,

Can I get an email via here from everyone (WAVKSP subscribers) who has put in a log so I can cross check /confirm them all ?

At this point we are over 60 Logs which is a sensational result for a brand new contest..

regards

Trent VK4TI

299. Re: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-18 22:18:58 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 298 Message: 299

Trent have u got VK4YN????????

----- Original Message -----
From: Trent
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 7:51 AM
Subject: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

Hi Everyone,

Can I get an email via here from everyone (WAVKSP subscribers) who has put in a log so I can cross check /confirm them all ?

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regards

Trent VK4TI

300. VK2VRD Log

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 00:58:51 UTC
From: VK2VRD
Topic: 300 Message: 300

Trent,

I submitted a log. Hope it was received OK

Robert Duck - VK2VRD

301. VK3VTH/M Log Received?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 07:09:44 UTC
From: vk3vth
Topic: 301 Message: 301

VK3VTH/M Submitted

302. Log submitted

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 09:15:23 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 302 Message: 302

I emailed in my log on 10 June, and received a response from the contest manager on 11 June
Catherine VK4VCH

303. Re: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 09:13:33 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 298 Message: 303
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Thanks Trent

VK3ZPF log submitted.

73
Peter VK3ZPF

Trent wrote:

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> regards
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> Trent VK4TI
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>

304. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 10:18:11 UTC
From: Bill Main
Topic: 298 Message: 304

Hi Trent

Diane (VK4KYL) and I submitted a log for VK4WIL.

73's

de Bill, VK4ZD
--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Trent" <vk4ti@...> wrote:
>
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> regards
>
> Trent VK4TI
>

305. Re: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 10:28:00 UTC
From: L M
Topic: 298 Message: 305

Hi Trent

My name is Leonie M/VK2FHRK and I have already submitted my LOG for the shires contest...I think it was sent via reignmaker_2001@...m.

Cheers Leonie VK2FHRK

--- On Fri, 19/6/09, Trent <vk4ti@...> wrote:

From: Trent <vk4ti@...>
Subject: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Received: Friday, 19 June, 2009, 7:51 AM

Hi Everyone,

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regards

Trent VK4TI

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306. Re: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 11:42:50 UTC
From: Tom Hatton
Topic: 298 Message: 306

Hi Trent,
You should have recived my log early monday morning, I hope it made it thru OK.
Regards
Tom Hatton -.-

From: Trent <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, 19 June, 2009 7:51:45 AM
Subject: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

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307. Re: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 13:26:03 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 298 Message: 307

Hi Trent,
Posted Monday 8th were two files. One via that Cabrillo website, from my portable op from shire MA3, and the other from my op from shire MR3.
Regards,
Luke

308. Re: VK2VRD Log

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:35:54 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 300 Message: 308

Yep its here Robert,

I actually checked your website when I saw the postcode..I grew up in Tamworth NSW.

Trent VK4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "VK2VRD" <rjd@...> wrote:
>
> Trent,
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> I submitted a log. Hope it was received OK
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>
> Robert Duck - VK2VRD
>

309. Re: VK3VTH/M Log Received?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:36:49 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 301 Message: 309

YEP ALL OK THIS END

TRENT

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk3vth" <tonyjohn10@...> wrote:
>
> VK3VTH/M Submitted
>

310. ERRORS IN DATABASE LOGGERS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:45:48 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 310 Message: 310

I have been asked by several

What is the result of the WZ2 error ?

Also there has been a question regarding the Zone 29 and Zone 30 are they multipliers as well as the shire code?

Lets look at the rules what are the multipliers ?

VII. For VK Stations: The multiplier is each VK shire worked per band and mode as above as well as each CQ Zone worked per band and mode .

From this you will understand why we needed to make sure the logs are in Cabrillo format. W3KM CAB evaluator can scan logs and rectify errors for mults not claimed as well as identify common log errors.

Most stations will have logs rescored..HIGHER

The Zone 29 and 30 will be added to the claimed multipliers as will the WZ2 wyong shire.

Hope that clarifies the matter for everyone.

Cheers

Trent VK4TI

311. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:38:55 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 298 Message: 311

Thanks for that Peter,

I am just doing it as a double check. One week prior to running up the final results we will publish all recieved logs on the vkshires.info website

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Peter Fraser <pfraser@...> wrote:
>
> Thanks Trent
>
> VK3ZPF log submitted.
>
> 73
> Peter VK3ZPF
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> Trent wrote:
>
> > Hi Everyone,
> >
> > Can I get an email via here from everyone (WAVKSP subscribers) who has
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> > regards
> >
> > Trent VK4TI
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312. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:30:53 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 298 Message: 312

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Luke Steele <mail08@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Trent,
> Posted Monday 8th were two files. One via that Cabrillo website, from my
> portable op from shire MA3, and the other from my op from shire MR3.
> Regards,
> Luke
>
Hi Luke,

Whats your callsign ?

Trent

313. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:31:39 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 298 Message: 313

Hi Tom

yours is in the book.

Trent

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Tom Hatton <vk4ath@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Trent,
> You should have recived my log early monday morning, I hope it made it thru OK.
> Regards
> Tom Hatton -.-
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> _____
> From: Trent <vk4ti@...>
> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Friday, 19 June, 2009 7:51:45 AM
> Subject: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME
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> Hi Everyone,
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314. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:32:24 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 298 Message: 314

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Luke Steele <mail08@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Trent,
> Posted Monday 8th were two files. One via that Cabrillo website, from my
> portable op from shire MA3, and the other from my op from shire MR3.
> Regards,
> Luke
>

I'm awake now Luke Vk3HJ

TNX

315. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:32:59 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 298 Message: 315

Thanks Leonnie

Yours is here.

Trent

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, L M <vk2fhrk@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Trent
>
> My name is Leonie M/VK2FHRK and I have already submitted my LOG for the shires contest...I think it was sent via reignmaker_2001@...
>
> Cheers Leonie VK2FHRK
>
> --- On Fri, 19/6/09, Trent <vk4ti@...> wrote:
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> From: Trent <vk4ti@...>
> Subject: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME
> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> Received: Friday, 19 June, 2009, 7:51 AM
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316. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:33:39 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 298 Message: 316

RR QSL ALL OK BILL

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Main" <vk4zd@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Trent
>
> Diane (VK4KYL) and I submitted a log for VK4WIL.
>
> 73's
>
> de Bill, VK4ZD
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Trent" <vk4ti@> wrote:
> >
> > Hi Everyone,
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> > regards
> >
> > Trent VK4TI
> >
>

317. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 22:34:49 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 298 Message: 317

Hi Bill,

VK4YN ???

Yep its here

Trent

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner Laptop" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
>
> Trent have u got VK4YN????????
>
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Trent
> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 7:51 AM
> Subject: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME
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>

318. Re: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-19 23:18:51 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 298 Message: 318

G'day Trent

I've put in a log. VK8HPB

Cheers
Peter
VK8HPB

From: Trent <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, 19 June, 2009 7:21:45 AM
Subject: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

Hi Everyone,

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319. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-20 02:40:47 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 298 Message: 319

I emailed my logs in a 2nd time on 11th June as I got a bounce message from the ones I posted on 10th June.

Thanks,
Dave
VK3LDR

320. Re: LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-20 06:54:17 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 298 Message: 320

hi peter,

sounds good..got the log all ok....should be up in vk8 when the arrl 10M is on in december..

Trent

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Peter Blackadder <peterblackadder@...> wrote:
>
> G'day Trent
>
> I've put in a log. VK8HPB
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> Cheers
> Peter
> VK8HPB
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> _____
> From: Trent <vk4ti@...>
> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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321. Re: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-20 09:31:20 UTC
From: Mike VK3AVV
Topic: 298 Message: 321

VK3AVV log was sent on the 7th.

Just a thought, it may be easier to publish a list of callsigns of logs that you have, then you would only get emails from those whose log went missing.

All the best,
Mike, VK3AVV

----- Original Message -----
From: Trent
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2009 7:51 AM
Subject: [vkshires] LOGS IN TIME

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Trent VK4TI

322. VK4CCC

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-30 00:38:28 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 322 Message: 322

Anyone have any info on Mr C Lemon PO Box 283, Thursday Island?????????? he seems to have vanished.....

any info appreciated

Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.

mobile ph 0428877551
Skype Name : billvk4fw

323. Re: VK4CCC

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-30 04:48:08 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 322 Message: 323

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner Laptop" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
>
> Anyone have any info on Mr C Lemon PO Box 283, Thursday Island?????????? he seems to have vanished.....
>
> any info appreciated
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>
> Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)

G'day Bill et al,

Chester VK4CCC has not been on Prince of Wales Island for some years.
He is located in SE Queensland.
To the best of my knowledge there are no hams residing in the Torres Strait region. However at this time of year there may well be some hams
visiting the area.

73

Dale VK4DMC/P VK8

324. Re: [vkshires] Re: VK4CCC

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-30 08:30:27 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 322 Message: 324

Dale do u or anyone else have a valid address, I have a few people that need a qsl from him.
cheers and I hope ur havin fun in NT

----- Original Message -----
From: Dale McCarthy
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 2:48 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: VK4CCC

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner Laptop" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
>
> Anyone have any info on Mr C Lemon PO Box 283, Thursday Island?????????? he seems to have vanished.....
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Dale VK4DMC/P VK8

325. Re: VK4CCC

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-30 11:15:25 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 322 Message: 325

Never thought of Thursday Isalnd for an expedition...

VK4TI mmmm almost made for the trip...

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner Laptop" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
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> Anyone have any info on Mr C Lemon PO Box 283, Thursday Island?????????? he seems to have vanished.....
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> any info appreciated
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> Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
> PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.
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> mobile ph 0428877551
> Skype Name : billvk4fw
>

326. RE: [vkshires] Re: VK4CCC

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-30 14:36:32 UTC
From: John Ferrington
Topic: 322 Message: 326
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Father Bill used to live up on TI in the 1980's..VK4WL (VK4 Wicked Lady). Don't know if he is the current holder of VK4WL..someone with a callbook from 1984 or 1985 may be able to check it out and compare the QRZ or ACMA listings for VK4WL for me, but the current VK4WL lives in Mareeba in VK4.and on Google streetview , he has a few antennas up!!!

He was a member of the See Australia First Net (Saturday and Sunday mornings at 2330 on 3575 and 0030z on 21.184 run by Ron, VK2VND (now SK).actually, I think most of those old blokes are now SK's. I was only 18 at the time.

They were all locals around where I grew up in Sydney. Most of them travelled around a bit, so there was always some VK dx to work of a Saturday morning!

Them were the days..

John

de vk6hz (ex VK2VOX)

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Trent
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 7:15 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: VK4CCC

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>
> Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
> PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.
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> mobile ph 0428877551
> Skype Name : billvk4fw
>

Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
Version: 8.5.375 / Virus Database: 270.13.0/2210 - Release Date: 06/30/09
06:10:00

327. Re: {Disarmed} Re: [vkshires] Re: VK4CCC

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-06-30 22:15:27 UTC
From: Wayne VK4HS
Topic: 327 Message: 327

vk4ccc is now graham ex vk4agr down in the redlands shire.

wayne vk4hs
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Horner Laptop
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 6:30 PM
Subject: {Disarmed} Re: [vkshires] Re: VK4CCC

Dale do u or anyone else have a valid address, I have a few people that need a qsl from him.
cheers and I hope ur havin fun in NT

----- Original Message -----
From: Dale McCarthy
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 2:48 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: VK4CCC

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Dale VK4DMC/P VK8

328. shire activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-02 11:01:46 UTC
From: Bill Horner Laptop
Topic: 328 Message: 328

As most of you know winter is the season when most of the gray nomads head off to Queensland for a holiday. This year both Cheryl and I are ready to depart with the caravan for an extended trip over the next couple of months. We leave here in the morning..... first port is Rockhampton to visit a friend and pick up some stuff..... then west to Emerald ..... then north to Theresa Dam..... then north to Charters Towers and Fletcher Creek..... then west to Campaspe River..... then west to Hughenden..... then north to Porcupine Gorge..... then north to Mt Surprise area..... then west and west and west till we finally get to Doomagee. ..... then down to Lawn Hill and further south to Mt Isa..... then to Boulia thru to Winton, Longreach, Barcaldine then slowly to Birdsville.....

I have given u this very rough draft of itinerary so that you will be able to chase the rare shires as I go.

I will have HF and will predominately be on 7.080 or 14.180 during the day as I drive along (just call on the frequency from time to time ..... I will be listening but not necessarily talking all the time)..... at night I may try a little on 3.580.

From time to time I will check inot my emails but it will be very much only where I can find a internet cafe.

If u need to contact me urgently I am on phone at 0428877551..... please do not call my home as the house sitter will not answer the phone.

Ok catch some of you on the bands.

Bill Horner VK4FW (laptop)
PO Box 612, CHilders, 4660.

mobile ph 0428877551
Skype Name : billvk4fw

329. We are in BC4 Barcaldine Reginal Council

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-05 00:36:31 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 329 Message: 329

Anyone interested in a contact anywhere from 160m to 10m I am portable in the Barcaldine Reginal Council in a place named "Aramac".

I will be listening everyday on 40m on 7.185 LSB between 16.00 hrs and 16.15 hrs.

Give us a shout if you are about,
Gerard
VK2JNG Portable 4

330. ZL Memorial Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-05 19:47:53 UTC
From: Paul Manley
Topic: 330 Message: 330

Memorial 2009,
great event, tad lean in ZL's on Sunday night up here,
many thanks to the VK guys .... especially the "foundation Licensees" & Catherine !

VK - 2 3 4 5 7 8
ZL - 1 2 3 4

Worked - all SSB
76 Stations more than 2008,
31 more than 2007,
36 more than 2006,
34 more than 2005,
48 more than 2004.

This was a great turnout, appreciated it, thank you,

... and for those that did ask, YES there is a VK section.

73
Paul - ZL2CQ

331. ON THE WALLABY

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-07 22:20:23 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 331 Message: 331

G'day all,

I will be leaving Darwin today and heading towards central Queensland passing through shires in VK8 and VK4. I will check in on the 20 metres travellers net most days at around 0230Z. If you are looking for some of the rarer shires give me a call.

73

Dale VK4DMC / P8

332. IARU HF World Championships and Jack Files contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-16 00:24:16 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 332 Message: 332

Hi Guys and Girls

In the next couple of weeks I'll be putting together the September Contest Column for the WIA AR magazine.

If anyone has any interesting observations, stories or experiences from the IARU World Champs or Jack Files contests, please feel welcome to send them in.

It doesn't need to be a formal story, just send me some info on how you went and I'll piece it all together. Whether it's an experience on breaking the European wall on 40m short path or finding a heartbeat on 15m, I'd appreciate any input from the active contesters.

73s
Craig VK8PDX
PO Box 285 Alice Springs NT 0870
vk8pdx@... and vk5hrt@...

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Show me how: http://au.mobile.yahoo.com/mail

333. Cook shire Queensland

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-17 03:01:47 UTC
From: vk3nay
Topic: 333 Message: 333

Hi to all. I am currently in Cooktown. If any body is after COOK SHIRE I will be on 7.070 while driving. Tomorrow I will be heading for Wonga Beach. Brian vk3nay.

334. Doomadgee

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-22 09:08:24 UTC
From: John Goldfinch
Topic: 334 Message: 334

Hi All, Bill VK4FW/P will be active in Doomadgee from around 0930z on 3.580Mhz
Cheers John VK4FNQ

335. Doomagee

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-22 09:47:19 UTC
From: John Goldfinch
Topic: 335 Message: 335

Bill now 3582Mhz Doomagee cheers JOhn

336. Dont for get the vk9ni

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-22 11:06:11 UTC
From: vk2faja
Topic: 336 Message: 336

Hello my follow vk's dont for get the VK9NI DXPEDITION started today i have worked the station aleady on 40 hope 15 n 10 open up why there vk9n = norfolk island just in case anyones needs norfolk

73's

Adam Vk2faja

337. Isaac Regional Shire (4IR)

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-23 04:13:48 UTC
From: Dale McCarthy
Topic: 337 Message: 337

G'day all,

I will be operating from Dysart in the Isaac Regional Shire until early August. Checking into the travellers net on 14.116 around 0230Z most days. Also on 7.103 most evenings around 0730Z.
I will be on the TREC-NET on 3.588 tonight at 1930Z.

Great to work Bill (4FW) last night in the Doomadgee Shire. Thanks to John (4FNQ) for the heads up.

73 Dale VK4DMC/P Dysart

338. Waitakere Sprint & IOTA

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-25 07:07:43 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 338 Message: 338

Why not try the Waitakere Sprint tonight on 80m from 10:00 - 11:00 UTC (8 - 9pm EST) (see http://www.qsl.net/zl1vk/) as a warm up for IOTA which starts at 12:00 UTC (10pm EST).
Also listen out for VK9NI already active on many bands.
Steadily collecting shires, now about 120 - must send in for the award.
Catherine
VK4VCH

339. Cassowary Coast Regional Council - CC

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-27 03:51:23 UTC
From: vk3nay
Topic: 339 Message: 339

Hi to all. I am at the big4 caravan park in Innisfail until Thursday 30 July. Anybody wanting Cassowary Shire can call me on 7.080 while I'm on the road. Cheers all vk3nay Brian.

340. Kev. VK4KKD mobile expedition !

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-30 02:51:10 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 340 Message: 340

G'day Bill,

I might be mistaken but I have this idea that you and Trent are managing some VK Shire Award thingy.

If so you might like to advise participants that I will be heading off from Brisbane for a 12 day run down (starting date 8th. August 2009) to Adelaide via Broken Hill then up to Alice Springs then back to Brisbane via the Plenty Highway across the Simpson to Boulia - Winton and Emerald then down to Brisbane. 40m ops only with a morning and evening session and all day mobile. I will have up to date gridsquare info. via satellite mapping and accurate latitude/longitude - shrie info. depends on the roadside signage.

Regards.

73 de Kev. VK4KKD

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http://www.spin.net.au/~aeitower/index

341. Alice Springs and other places - forwarded to the group out of interest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-30 02:52:45 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 341 Message: 341

G'day Bill,

I might be mistaken but I have this idea that you and Trent are managing some VK Shire Award thingy.

If so you might like to advise participants that I will be heading off from Brisbane for a 12 day run down (starting date 8th. August 2009) to Adelaide via Broken Hill then up to Alice Springs then back to Brisbane via the Plenty Highway across the Simpson to Boulia - Winton and Emerald then down to Brisbane. 40m ops only with a morning and evening session and all day mobile. I will have up to date gridsquare info. via satellite mapping and accurate latitude/longitude - shrie info. depends on the roadside signage.

Someone said there was a reflector for advising trips but all I found was some Yahoo groups thing which is little more than a trawl for information pooling.

Regards.

73 de Kev. VK4KKD

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342. Re: [vkshires] Kev. VK4KKD mobile expedition !

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-30 07:06:07 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 340 Message: 342

Kev is on an extremely important mission when he reaches Alice Springs. Delivering my new one man trailer tower!!!!!!

So if you hear me on the air with Kev asking 'how my baby is' - you'll know what I'm on about.

73s Craig VK8PDX

From: Trent <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, 30 July, 2009 12:21:10 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Kev. VK4KKD mobile expedition !

G'day Bill,

I might be mistaken but I have this idea that you and Trent are managing some VK Shire Award thingy.

If so you might like to advise participants that I will be heading off from Brisbane for a 12 day run down (starting date 8th. August 2009) to Adelaide via Broken Hill then up to Alice Springs then back to Brisbane via the Plenty Highway across the Simpson to Boulia - Winton and Emerald then down to Brisbane. 40m ops only with a morning and evening session and all day mobile. I will have up to date gridsquare info. via satellite mapping and accurate latitude/longitude - shrie info. depends on the roadside signage.

Regards.

73 de Kev. VK4KKD

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343. Shire MG4 and IOTA OC-227

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-30 07:10:07 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 343 Message: 343

Hi All

If anyone needs IOTA OC227 or shire MG4, Lyn VK4SWE is available to set up a sked this week.

Her email is vk4swe@...

73s

Craig VK8PDX

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344. We are in the Central Highlands Regional Council in Springsure QLD

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 04:09:55 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 344 Message: 344

Anyone interested in a contact...I will be on every afternoon between 5.00pm and 5.30pm on 40m on 7.185MHz.

See you there
Gerard
VK2JNG portable 4

345. Re: [vkshires] We are in the Central Highlands Regional Council in Springsure QLD

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 05:05:07 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 344 Message: 345

Hi Gerald

Unfortunately I wont be able to get home from work tonight until 6pm EST so looks like I'll miss out. If I can get home earlier at 530pm EST, I'll definitely give you a shout

73s

Craig VK8PDX

From: jandgandjochem <vk2jng@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, 31 July, 2009 1:39:55 PM
Subject: [vkshires] We are in the Central Highlands Regional Council in Springsure QLD

Anyone interested in a contact...I will be on every afternoon between 5.00pm and 5.30pm on 40m on 7.185MHz.

See you there
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VK2JNG portable 4

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346. Re: We are in the Central Highlands Regional Council in Springsure QLD

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 05:52:37 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 344 Message: 346

Give us a try at 06.15pm today if you can. I will be on the given frequency to see if we can make contact.

Cheers Craig,

from VK2JNG port 4
Gerard

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Craig Edwards <vk8pdx@...> wrote:
>
> Hi Gerald
> Â
> Unfortunately I wont be able to get home from work tonight until 6pm EST so looks like Iâ☐☐ll miss out. If I can get home earlier at 530pm EST, Iâ☐☐ll definitely give you a shout
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> 73s
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347. Shire AS8

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 08:25:54 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 347 Message: 347

Hi Everyone

If anyone needs the Alice Springs shire AS8, then I'm happy to set up a sked on 40m or 20m SSB anytime from Saturday morning to Monday afternoon (long weekend here).

I have to thank Lyn VK4SWE MG4 and Gerland VK2LDG/4 CH4 for setting up 40m skeds this week to give me a couple of new ones.

So I'm only too happy to repay people the favour.

73s Craig VK8PDX

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348. Lyn on Sweers Is on now

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 11:42:45 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 347 Message: 348

Lyn is calling CQ on 7100 now 2142z.
Luke

349. Re: Lyn on Sweers Is on now

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 12:20:55 UTC
From: lyn VK4SWE
Topic: 347 Message: 349

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Luke Steele <mail08@...> wrote:
>
> Lyn is calling CQ on 7100 now 2142z.
> Luke
>
Thanks for the great QSO Luke - and also Craig, and Billy in Sumatra - will try same agn tmw night - also saw comment on DX Summit from N7GR abt going CW - no email listed to make a sked, if anyone knows him please put us in touch, otherwise I will try CW tmw as well. Not sure if he is chasing Shire or IOTA though. (Have had a San Diego stn chasing VK Shires!)
All good fun,
lyn VK4SWE

350. Re: Lyn on Sweers Is on now

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 12:27:50 UTC
From: lyn VK4SWE
Topic: 347 Message: 350

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn VK4SWE" <lyn@...> wrote:
>
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Luke Steele <mail08@> wrote:
> >
> > Lyn is calling CQ on 7100 now 2142z.
> > Luke
> >
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> All good fun,
> lyn VK4SWE
>
Never mind! He found me on email! Will make a sked. so tmw night will be on SSB 0800Z 7.100 (unless someone suggests otherwise. That is the resonant frequency of my vertical.)

351. Re: Lyn on Sweers Is on now

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 12:40:15 UTC
From: chrisandtanyamegaw
Topic: 347 Message: 351

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn VK4SWE" <lyn@...> wrote:
>
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn VK4SWE" <lyn@> wrote:
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> > --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Luke Steele <mail08@> wrote:
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> > lyn VK4SWE
> >
> Never mind! He found me on email! Will make a sked. so tmw night will be on SSB 0800Z 7.100 (unless someone suggests otherwise. That is the resonant frequency of my vertical.)
>
I was listening out but heard nothing. Billy is chasing me or 40M as well so I will try to get there. I have a shift change at that time so I might be a little late.

Chris
4W6FR....VK4FR/super portable

352. Re: Lyn on Sweers Is on now

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 13:23:37 UTC
From: lyn VK4SWE
Topic: 347 Message: 352

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "chrisandtanyamegaw" <ctmegaw@...> wrote:
>
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn VK4SWE" <lyn@> wrote:
> >
> > --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn VK4SWE" <lyn@> wrote:
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>
> Chris
> 4W6FR....VK4FR/super portable
>
VK4SWE just got clear into Montana USA on CW, so that might be an option for the Shire Chasers over there - N7GR was patient with 18wpm, and a good QSO. And my first CW contact with USA!
lyn VK4SWE

353. Re: Shire AS8

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 21:35:00 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 347 Message: 353

Craig,

Not sure if you were referring to me but if so you've got the name and callsign wrong. It is Gerard VK2JNG in Springsure CH4 Central Highlands Regional Council. We had QSO Friday 31/07 (yesterday) at 6.20pm AEST.

Cheers,
Gerard
VK2JNG

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Craig Edwards <vk8pdx@...> wrote:
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> Hi Everyone
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>
> So I'm only too happy to repay people the favour.
>
> 73s Craig VK8PDX
>
>
> ____
> Access Yahoo!7 Mail on your mobile. Anytime. Anywhere.
> Show me how: http://au.mobile.yahoo.com/mail
>

354. test message for myself. Please ignore.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-07-31 22:16:07 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 354 Message: 354

Test 01/08/2009

355. Re: [vkshires] Re: Shire AS8

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-01 01:01:03 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 347 Message: 355

Hi Gerald

Yes I got your call of VK2JNG/4 correct in the log.

I had a brain fade when I wrote the email, that's for sure, hi hi

73s Craig VK8PDX

From: jandgandjochem <vk2jng@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, 1 August, 2009 7:05:00 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Shire AS8

Craig,

Not sure if you were referring to me but if so you've got the name and callsign wrong.
It is Gerard VK2JNG in Springsure CH4 Central Highlands Regional Council. We had QSO Friday 31/07 (yesterday) at 6.20pm AEST.

Cheers,
Gerard
VK2JNG

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356. IOTA OC223

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-01 03:43:36 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 356 Message: 356

Justin VK2HAK is now on IOTA OC223 14190 kHz

Craig VK8PDX

_____
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Show me how: http://au.mobile.yahoo.com/mail

357. Re: IOTA OC223

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-01 03:52:45 UTC
From: chrisandtanyamegaw
Topic: 356 Message: 357

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Craig Edwards <vk8pdx@...> wrote:
>
> Justin VK2HAK is now on IOTA OC223 14190 kHz
>
> Craig VK8PDX
>
>
> _____
> Access Yahoo!7 Mail on your mobile. Anytime. Anywhere.
> Show me how: http://au.mobile.yahoo.com/mail
>
QSO 55 into East Timor. Which Island in the group is he on anyone?

Chris

358. Re: IOTA OC223

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-01 03:56:35 UTC
From: chrisandtanyamegaw
Topic: 356 Message: 358

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "chrisandtanyamegaw" <ctmegaw@...> wrote:
>
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Craig Edwards <vk8pdx@> wrote:
> >
> > Justin VK2HAK is now on IOTA OC223 14190 kHz
> >
> > Craig VK8PDX
> >
> >
> > _____
> > Access Yahoo!7 Mail on your mobile. Anytime. Anywhere.
> > Show me how: http://au.mobile.yahoo.com/mail
> >
> QSO 55 into East Timor. Which Island in the group is he on anyone?
>
> Chris
>
Thanks Laurie got the island on the cluster.

Chris
VK4FR/4W6FR

359. Re: IOTA OC223

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-01 05:10:10 UTC
From: lyn VK4SWE
Topic: 356 Message: 359

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Craig Edwards <vk8pdx@...> wrote:
>
> Justin VK2HAK is now on IOTA OC223 14190 kHz
>
> Craig VK8PDX
>
>
>thanks Craig! Just got him on 14.192 5/5 into the Gulf.
lyn VK4SWE

> Access Yahoo!7 Mail on your mobile. Anytime. Anywhere.
> Show me how: http://au.mobile.yahoo.com/mail
>

360. Re: IOTA OC223

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-01 05:17:43 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 356 Message: 360

Lyn,
Can we try 14.208 please?
Laurie.....VK7ZE

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn VK4SWE" <lyn@...> wrote:
>
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Craig Edwards <vk8pdx@> wrote:
> >
> > Justin VK2HAK is now on IOTA OC223 14190 kHz
> >
> > Craig VK8PDX
> >
> >
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> >
>

361. Re: IOTA OC223

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-01 09:03:14 UTC
From: lyn VK4SWE
Topic: 356 Message: 361

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk7ze" <vk7ze@...> wrote:
>
>
> Lyn,
> Can we try 14.208 please?
> Laurie.....VK7ZE
>
>Hello Laurie - I'm sorry, I had to dash off to make bread and did not get your msg! I will be on 7.100 later tonight if you want to try that, otherwise just email me a time/freq and I'll be there - email vk4swe@...
lyn VK4SWE
>
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>
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> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn VK4SWE" <lyn@> wrote:
> >
> > --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Craig Edwards <vk8pdx@> wrote:
> > >
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>

362. MG4 and OC227 QRV 7.100 1120Z

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-01 11:18:00 UTC
From: lyn VK4SWE
Topic: 362 Message: 362

Lyn Vk4SWE is back on the air now for an hour or so, Shire MG4 or IOTA OC227 will call CQ on 7.100 and if no response will go CW on same frequency for a while (til the wrist gives out hi!)Anyone who can hear me but getting no response, pls email for a sked vk4swe@...
lyn VK4SWE

363. Sprint Logs

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-05 05:47:13 UTC
From: Paul Manley
Topic: 363 Message: 363

Please send in your Logs for the following -

Many thanks to all the VK's on 80m over the weekend who took the time out to get involved with the Waitakere SSB and CW Sprint.
http://www.qsl.net/zl1vk/PRCClubActivityPage/WaitakereSprintPage/waitakeresprint.html

Check Results & submit - Waitakere Sprint logs in to .....
.... prc@... ....

Many Thanks

Paul - ZL2CQ

364. Portable northern NSW

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-08 00:36:01 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 364 Message: 364

Just leaving for 3 nights in northern NSW, at least one night in Tenterfield Shire, which is a new one for me.
Tentatively on 7185 at 5 to 5.30pm EST with Gerard VK2JNG/4, but have not tried our dipole on that frequency, so could be lower.
Listen out.
Catherine & John
VK4VCH & VK4IO

365. CLOSE OF LOGS FOR VKSHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-08 01:38:38 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 365 Message: 365

Hi Team,

The close off for log entries to the VK Shires is in three weeks.

Log entries must be submitted by September 1, 2009 to be eligible for awards. Submit your electronic log in the Cabrillo format created by all major logging programs. Send via e-mail attachment to contest@...

Subject line: Callsign [used in the contest] only. SINGLE OP stations may submit a paper log, only if they make less than 100 qsos.
VK entrants are reminded to be sure their log indicates their VK shire location. If you go portable or mobile the log must clearly define where you changed location.

Click on the "VK SHIRES Web Form" link on the contest website at www.vkshires.info.

Regards

Trent VK4TI

366. Re: [vkshires] CLOSE OF LOGS FOR VKSHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-08 01:55:09 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 365 Message: 366

Should I deduce from this message that you refer only to the VK Shires
Contest and not the general Shires award?
Luke VK3HJ

At 01:38 8/08/2009 +0000, you wrote:
>Hi Team,
>
>The close off for log entries to the VK Shires is in three weeks.

367. Re: CLOSE OF LOGS FOR VKSHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-08 02:57:41 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 365 Message: 367

Hi Luke....thank you for asking for the clarification.

Yes its the contest logs ...thats why the email you send the logs to is contest@vkshires etc etc ... sorry I didn't make it clearer..I trust everyone is now up to speed.

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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>
> Should I deduce from this message that you refer only to the VK Shires
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> Luke VK3HJ
>
> At 01:38 8/08/2009 +0000, you wrote:
> >Hi Team,
> >
> >The close off for log entries to the VK Shires is in three weeks.
>

368. Re: Portable northern NSW

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-08 06:12:30 UTC
From: lyn VK4SWE
Topic: 364 Message: 368

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "catchcryhamm" <vk4vch@...> wrote:
>
> Just leaving for 3 nights in northern NSW, at least one night in Tenterfield Shire, which is a new one for me.
> Tentatively on 7185 at 5 to 5.30pm EST with Gerard VK2JNG/4, but have not tried our dipole on that frequency, so could be lower.
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> VK4VCH & VK4IO
>
thanks Catherine! Will try to give you a call. Had a nice yacht in here y'day - 'Panache' - the boat's been round the world, the couple on it now been around a lot and looking to 'downsize' to motorised so we showed them your info and they were v interested. The bloke was a ham, but not active these days.
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lyn VK4SWE

369. URGENT NOTICE - WIA Remembrance Day Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-11 21:07:26 UTC
From: Trent
Topic: 369 Message: 369

PAUL EI5DI REPORTS-

When adding support for the RD contest in SD, I had misunderstood the two-hour rule for repeating QSOs - I thought the contest was divided into discrete two-hour periods.

The rule is now implemented correctly, and stations can be worked again on the same band and mode, and not flagged as a dupe, if more than 2 hours has elapsed since the last QSO.

When a call is entered that has been worked less than 2 hours ago, the remaining time (before a QSO would be valid) is shown.

SD V14.28 is free from www.ei5di.com.

Please let other HF contesters in VK know about this.

73,
Paul EI5DI

371. BMARC DX pedition.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-20 12:27:44 UTC
From: ricki70au
Topic: 371 Message: 371

on the 29th August Members of the Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club are travelling to Poeppel Corner through various shires, on the return trip we will be going to Haddon Corner and then south to Cameron Corner.
We will be monitoring 7080.00MHz and various other frequencies. For mor information check out our website at www.bmarc.org and follow the links to PC-09.

Cheers
Richard
VK2LET

372. RE: [vkshires] Digest Number 98

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-23 14:23:30 UTC
From: Doug Johnson
Topic: 372 Message: 372

Gidday Lads,

Are you going to be running microwave mobile ?
7080.00MHz = 7.08000GHz
Wont get too many takers up there !

Regards,
Doug VK2XLJ

Worked All VK Shires Program

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Posted by: "ricki70au"
richardneilsen@...

ricki70au

Thu Aug 20, 2009 5:27 am (PDT)

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373. North Burnett Regional Council QLD activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-26 04:39:20 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 373 Message: 373

G'day all,
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Gerard
VK2JNG

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I have not been able to get on air.

374. Re: North Burnett Regional Council QLD activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-26 05:20:40 UTC
From: lyn.battle
Topic: 373 Message: 374

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "jandgandjochem" <vk2jng@...> wrote:
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lyn VK4SWE

375. Re: North Burnett Regional Council QLD activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-26 07:24:00 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 373 Message: 375

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Hopefully better tomorrow.

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Cheers for now

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376. Re: North Burnett Regional Council QLD activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-26 07:51:33 UTC
From: lyn.battle
Topic: 373 Message: 376

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377. Shire List

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-26 10:32:49 UTC
From: reignmaker_2001
Topic: 377 Message: 377

Hi All

I am wondering does this file.....VKShires_Mults.dat.....Contain all Auatralia's Shires.
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I am trying to log my contest logs into a spread sheet so that I may claim the 50/100/150 etc Shire awards...it will also allow me to keep a log of where I have contacted within Aus.

Thanks up front for any advice/help with this matter.

Cheers

Leonie VK2FHRK

378. Re: Shire List

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-26 21:43:18 UTC
From: vk4ti
Topic: 377 Message: 378

Hi Leonnie-

Technically VK1 is a single shire - so we only count it as one - to the best of our ability the dat list contains all VK Shires...no doubt we get regular reminders of any changes - eg amalgamations.

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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379. Re: [vkshires] Re: Shire List

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-27 02:37:38 UTC
From: ARASU MANOHAR
Topic: 377 Message: 379

Please tell VKs to print their Shire details on the QSL cards. It would be better if we have some database which can show the shire for each and every VK call.

vy 73, Namaste
de Arasu VU2UR

--- On Thu, 27/8/09, vk4ti <vk4ti@...> wrote:

From: vk4ti <vk4ti@...>
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Shire List
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Thursday, 27 August, 2009, 3:13 AM

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380. Re: North Burnett Regional Council QLD activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-27 05:14:49 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 373 Message: 380

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Cheers,
Gerard
VK2JNG

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381. Re: Shire List

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-27 05:54:26 UTC
From: reignmaker_2001
Topic: 377 Message: 381

Thanks Trent for that information.
I typed in Australian shires and came up with a few that were not on the list...I then went to ACMA page and cut and pasted callsigns and then continued through 'their' pages until an address came up...then I typed in /Shires---where I pasted the town/city that was given from the ACMA page and then I looked up the largest shire and went from there.....Maybe this will be acceptable.....Will see when I send in the paper work hihi.

Once again thanks for the info.....Who ever did the ground work for the Shires did a great job.

Cheers and 73s
Leonie VK2FHRK

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382. Re: North Burnett Regional Council QLD activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-27 07:36:11 UTC
From: lyn.battle
Topic: 373 Message: 382

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>Hi Gerard - I didn't check email before dashing from work to shack! so obviously, I didn't hear you on air! But there was another station working that frequency 7.185, very busy VK7 working into USA.
hopefully catch you on tmw - if that freq is busy will you be going up 5?
lyn VK4SWE

383. Re: Shire List

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-08-27 07:43:16 UTC
From: lyn.battle
Topic: 377 Message: 383

Hi Arasu - I just printed out my new QSL cards yesterday! and put the Shire on the top along with the Grid, IOTA etc info - I remember someone suggesting this before. Maybe not practical for those who have already bought a couple of hundred cards from their printer hi! But a good idea for the next batch of cards. And QRX.COM is a good data base of all operators so perhaps everyone could update their details there to show the Shire?
Just some thoughts from MG4 - let me know if you want to make a sked for that one?
Namaste - de
lyn VK4SWE

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384. OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-09-19 22:20:50 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 384 Message: 384

Hi Everyone-

I will be writing up the results for posting to the Web and for AR magazine in November but I have a shortage of suitable photo's - I know many went to remote locations etc..

Could you please either email your happy snaps to me or even better up load them to the files or photos section of

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Regards

Trent VK4TI

385. Re: [vkshires] OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-09-20 01:10:39 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 384 Message: 385

G'Day Trent

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cheers mate

Craig VK8PDX
Amateur Radio magazine Contest section editor

From: VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, 20 September, 2009 7:50:50 AM
Subject: [vkshires] OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

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Trent VK4TI

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386. RE: [vkshires] OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-09-20 01:34:02 UTC
From: David
Topic: 384 Message: 386

Hi Trent, Craig,

Trent, I'm just wondering if you will be publishing an analysis of the overall results as well? I've just started crunching all my own contest results in Excel and drawing up a whole series of pivot tables and graphs which brings to light some interesting information about the busiest bands, hours etc as well as some general stats about the different licence classes operating. I can send you a copy of a report I did for my own experience on the VK Shires if you want.

I don't have any photos sorry L

Cheers,

Dave

VK3LDR

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Craig Edwards
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387. Re: OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-09-20 09:26:55 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 384 Message: 387

Hi Dave,

That sounds interesting and would be of interest - How about posting it to the files section for everyone of YAhoo group to see and if ok we will place it in the article for AR..

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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>
> Craig VK8PDX
>
> Amateur Radio magazine Contest section editor
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> From: VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Sunday, 20 September, 2009 7:50:50 AM
> Subject: [vkshires] OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE
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> Hi Everyone-
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> http://groups. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires> yahoo.com/
> group/vkshires
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> Regards
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> Trent VK4TI
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>
> Send instant messages to your online friends http://au.messenger.yahoo.com

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>
> No virus found in this incoming message.
> Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
> Version: 8.5.409 / Virus Database: 270.13.108/2383 - Release Date: 09/19/09
> 17:50:00
>

388. Re: OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-09-20 13:04:11 UTC
From: lyn.battle
Topic: 384 Message: 388

Hello Trent - no photos here of the recent event, but if you are chasing 'photos' - I have a couple of VK4SWE and VK4ANR operating Shires "aeronautical mobile" though this did not count for the Award, it did raise some interest among hobby members!
cheers de lyn Vk4SWE

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389. RE: [vkshires] Re: OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-09-20 13:36:05 UTC
From: David
Topic: 384 Message: 389

Hi Trent,

As suggested I posted up a "draft" sample of what I'm working on in the files section. As stated it is only draft, there is still some formatting to be done I haven't finalised exactly what I wanted to analyse overall.

Cheers,

Dave

VK3LDR

390. Re: OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-09-20 19:56:14 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 384 Message: 390

Sure Lynne =

Post them to this website photos section - they will all end up on the other site for general info of the public ie those not registered here..

Regards

Trent

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn.battle" <lyn@...> wrote:
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391. RE: [vkshires] Re: OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-10-02 06:11:58 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 384 Message: 391
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Trent - I finally got around to uploading those photos! Hope I have done it all correctly! Let me know if you need the background info - I did write it up for Club Newsletter at the time.

73

lyn VK4SWE

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of VK4TI
Sent: Monday, 21 September 2009 5:56 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

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392. Re: OK YOU SLACKERS !!!!!!!!!! PHOTOS PLEASE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-10-07 11:40:13 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 384 Message: 392

Thats fine Lyn

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393. VK Shires Contest results?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-10-14 12:22:43 UTC
From: maxileech
Topic: 393 Message: 393

Hi folks,
What has happened to the VK Shires contest results?

Jeff - VK4BOF

394. Re: VK Shires Contest results?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-10-14 22:11:21 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 393 Message: 394

Hi Jeff,

The results will be posted on the site shortly - I was waiting for some extra photos etc to put together the article for AR. I would expect the results to be availble in the first week of November.

Regards

Trent Vk4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "maxileech" <VK4BOF@...> wrote:
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396. Re: VK Shires Contest results?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-10-20 06:25:04 UTC
From: maxileech
Topic: 393 Message: 396

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Thanks for the update Trent.
Did you get a bit overwhelmed with the logs eh?
When I first saw the info the contest, results were going to be issued in the first week of October.
(No, I'm not complaining, just curious) :)

Cheers,

Jeff VK4BOF

397. Re: VK Shires Contest results?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-10-20 09:32:00 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 393 Message: 397

Not really Jeff,

Plenty of other things on my plate at the moment and thought it best to wait a while for more photos etc for the AR article = as it has turned out I could have done it earlier but actually need to earn a living.. :-)

It will be released first thing in November and yes there was a very good response to the first contest..

Regards

Trent

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398. Results??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-01 21:14:56 UTC
From: Brendon
Topic: 398 Message: 398

Hi,

Where were/will the results of this years Shires comp be posted?

Thanks,

Brendon
VK4MHZ

399. RESULTS VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-02 20:47:49 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 399 Message: 399

Hi Team,

I am working on the results and have a snag with the log cross checking - I am working on the error(s) and hope to have the results ready by this weekend. I was hoping to post the results up today (Melbourne Cup Day)

If this current batch file works through OK I will be releasing the results ASAP.

Regards

Trent VK4TI

400. RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-06 21:01:45 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 400 Message: 400

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CALL
CLAIMED SCORE
CW CONTACTS Single Op VK7ZE 115432 0 VK4VCH 46110 0 VK2TSB
32704 0 VK4SN 26082 23 VK2HBG 18648 0 VK3LDR 15707 0 VK5NPR
13624 9 VK4VDX 12288 0 VK4ATH 10260 0 VK2BPL 10120 12 VK4IM 9265
0 VK3HJ 8774
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VK7VH 2205 0 VK7AD 2112 0 VK2IO 2100 0 VK2IO 2100 0 VK4CL 2058
0 VK2LCD 1786 0 VK2NCD 1638 0 VK4FNQ 1584 0 VK3ZGP 1443 0
VK2MRN 1360 0 VK3AJ/8 840 0 VK2HHS 784 0 VK2GR/8 704 23 VK3TDX
440 2 VK3KIH 440 0 VK2ZCM 272 0 VK3TX 100 10 VK2TTL 64 0
VK4PJC 56 0 VK4SWE 25 1
Multi Two VK4WIL 68257 0 VK2BV 11160 0 VK2LE 990 0
Single Rover VK5HRT 35168 0
Multi Op Rover VK4YN 31725 53 VK4GHL 31416 0 Foundation
VK2FEDS 42504 0 VK7FWAY 19992 0 VK4FABC 17649 0 VK2FAJA 17094 0
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Regards to you all
Trent VK4TI Bill VK4FW

401. Re: [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-06 21:16:17 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 400 Message: 401

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Again congratulations to all.

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
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To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2009 7:01 AM
Subject: [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

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CLAIMED SCORE
CW CONTACTS
Single Op
VK7ZE 115432 0
VK4VCH 46110 0
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VK4SN 26082 23
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VK3LDR 15707 0
VK5NPR 13624 9
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VK4ATH 10260 0
VK2BPL 10120 12
VK4IM 9265 0
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VK3ZPF 6840 0
VK3AVV 4725 0
VK4XY 4502 5
VK2KDP 3696 0

VK2VRD 2585 0
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VK4MHZ 2337 0
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402. Shires results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 01:22:03 UTC
From: Keith Bainbridge
Topic: 402 Message: 402

I'm really disappointed to see not a single VK6 mentioned in the results.
I don't know why that should have been.
I was personally tied up working most of that weekend, but I was lead to
believe several VK6's were going to participate.
Oh well, that probably explains why there has been so little interest in
the VK6 Shires award.
73
Keith VK6RK/ VK6XH

403. RE: [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 02:39:24 UTC
From: David
Topic: 400 Message: 403

Excellent, thanks for that. I look forward to next years event. All Mr ZE is a hard one to top I think and Catherine too by the looks of it!!

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Horner
Sent: Saturday, 7 November 2009 8:16 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

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VK3HJ

8774

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VK4HG

8748

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VK3ZPF

6840

0

VK3AVV

4725

0

VK4XY

4502

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VK2KDP

3696

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VK2VRD

2585

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VK4PDR

2544

0

VK4MHZ

2337

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VK2HV

2322

0

VK7VH

2205

0

VK7AD

2112

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VK2IO

2100

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VK2IO

2100

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VK4CL

2058

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VK2LCD

1786

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VK2NCD

1638

0

VK4FNQ

1584

0

VK3ZGP

1443

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VK2MRN

1360

0

VK3AJ/8

840

0

VK2HHS

784

0

VK2GR/8

704

23

VK3TDX

440

2

VK3KIH

440

0

VK2ZCM

272

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VK3TX

100

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VK2TTL

64

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VK4PJC

56

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VK4SWE

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Multi Two

VK4WIL

68257

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VK2BV

11160

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VK2LE

990

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Single Rover

VK5HRT

35168

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Multi Op Rover

VK4YN

31725

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VK4GHL

31416

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Foundation

VK2FEDS

42504

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VK7FWAY

19992

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VK4FABC

17649

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VK2FAJA

17094

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VK2FHRK

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VK2FDDK

4884

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VK4FHYH

1296

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VK4FABD

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VK3FAJM

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404. Re: Shires results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 02:49:59 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 402 Message: 404

Keith, The feedback was everyone had a ball so keep it to yourself and get the first good score from VK6 - SO2R is one method that really suits the VK Shires scoring -

Regards

Trent VK4TI

--- In vkshires@...m, Keith Bainbridge <vk6xh@...> wrote:
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> Keith VK6RK/ VK6XH
>

405. VKSHIRES CONTEST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 06:09:28 UTC
From: Dick
Topic: 405 Message: 405

GOOD TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THE CONTEST,BUT SORRY TO SEE THAT MY LOG (YES IT WAS SENT) WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RESULTS.I DID ENJOY TAKING PART HOWEVER DICK VK5ATU

406. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VKSHIRES CONTEST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 06:28:27 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 406 Message: 406

Dick can you please resend your log and I will include it in the results

----- Original Message -----
From: Dick
To: vkshires@...m
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2009 4:09 PM
Subject: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VKSHIRES CONTEST

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407. Re: [vkshires] Shires results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 07:44:15 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 402 Message: 407

Keith

I guess this throws the challenge out to the VK6's for next year :)

73's

de Bill, VK4ZD

------------Original Message------------
From: Keith Bainbridge <vk6xh@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sat, Nov-7-2009 11:22 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Shires results

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_____ Information from ESET Smart Security, version of virus signature database 4580 (20091106) _____

The message was checked by ESET Smart Security.

http://www.eset.com

408. VK3VTH/M Not in results list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 08:15:35 UTC
From: vk3vth
Topic: 408 Message: 408

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Cheers

Tony VK3VTH

409. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 08:29:37 UTC
From: vk4ti@wia.org.au
Topic: 408 Message: 409

Seems odd. I will investigate. There may have been some lost. You signed as vk3vth ?

Trent VK4TI

Trent and Lorraine Sampson
PO Box 1647 Toowoomba QLD 4350

-----Original Message-----
From: "vk3vth" <tonyjohn10@...>
Date: Sat, 07 Nov 2009 08:15:35
To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

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410. Re: [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 08:56:41 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 408 Message: 410

hmmm perhaps we will need to have a updated list of logs received for next year so as not to have this problem.
Unfortunatley we have no control over cyber space ......

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: vk3vth
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2009 6:15 PM
Subject: [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

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411. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 21:00:15 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 408 Message: 411

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Regards

Trent

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412. VK SHIRES RESULTS YAHOO GROUP ONLY - PRE AR RELEASE -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 21:09:33 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 412 Message: 412

CALL CLAIMED SCORE CW CONTACTS CLASS Single Op
VK7ZE 115432 0
Single Op VK2IM 48672 134 Single Op VK4VCH
46110 0 Single Op VK2TSB 32704 0 Single Op
VK4SN 26082 23 Single Op VK2HBG 18648 0
Single Op VK3LDR 15707 0 Single Op VK5NPR
13624 9 Single Op VK5ATU 12444 0 Single Op
VK4VDX 12288 0 Single Op VK4ATH 10260 0
Single Op VK2BPL 10120 12 Single Op VK4IM 9265
0 Single Op VK3HJ 8774 1 Single Op VK4HG
8748 0 Single Op VK3ZPF 6840 0 Single Op
VK3AVV 4725 0 Single Op VK4XY 4502 5
Single Op VK2KDP 3696 0 Single Op VK2VRD 2585
0 Single Op VK4PDR 2544 0 Single Op VK4MHZ
2337 0 Single Op VK2HV 2322 0 Single Op
VK7VH 2205 0 Single Op VK7AD 2112 0 Single
Op VK2IO 2100 0 Single Op VK2IO 2100 0
Single Op VK4CL 2058 0 Single Op VK2LCD 1786
0 Single Op VK2NCD 1638 0 Single Op VK4FNQ
1584 0 Single Op VK3ZGP 1443 0 Single Op
VK2MRN 1360 0 Single Op VK3AJ/8 840 0
Single Op VK2HHS 784 0 Single Op VK2GR/8 704
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440 0 Single Op VK2ZCM 272 0 Single Op
VK3TX 100 10 Single Op VK2TTL 64 0 Single
Op VK4PJC 56 0 Single Op VK4SWE 25 1
Single Op Multi Two VK4WIL 68257 0
Multi Two VK2BV 11160 0 Multi Two VK2LE 990
0 Multi Two Single Rover VK5HRT 35168
0 Single Rover Multi Op Rover VK4YN
31725 53 Multi Op Rover VK4GHL 31416 0 Multi
Op Rover Foundation VK2FEDS 42504 0
Foundation VK7FWAY 19992 0 Foundation VK4FABC
17649 0 Foundation VK2FAJA 17094 0
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4884 0 Foundation VK4FHYH 1296 0 Foundation
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413. Re: [vkshires] VK SHIRES RESULTS YAHOO GROUP ONLY - PRE AR RELEASE -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 21:19:18 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 412 Message: 413

typo........ Robert Duck....... has / at the end, great publicity ffom should read of cause from

cheers

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia
----- Original Message -----
From: VK4TI
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2009 7:09 AM
Subject: [vkshires] VK SHIRES RESULTS YAHOO GROUP ONLY - PRE AR RELEASE -

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414. results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 21:27:29 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 414 Message: 414

According to th erules certificates will be issued to all placegetters providing they make 100 qsos.
As u will see the overseas stations never stood a chance. I intend to still issue them with certificates. What we have got to do is find a way to allow for them to have a chance at working VKs instead of the vast majority of VKs just working each other.....
any suggestions to rule changes to make this happen???????

Bill Horner
PO Box 612
Childers
4660
Australia

415. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 21:52:38 UTC
From: vk3vth
Topic: 408 Message: 415

Thanks Trent,
Yes definetely VK3VTH/M. I worked as Rover Mobile Station across GB3 and GS3
You confirmed receipt of Log back in Message #309 so I guess its there somewhere. I only worked about 50 Shires in total from across the two shires (GB3/GS3) 40/80m only. No big deal if its gone astray.

Cheers Tony VK3VTH

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> Trent VK4TI
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> PO Box 1647 Toowoomba QLD 4350
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: "vk3vth" <tonyjohn10@...>
> Date: Sat, 07 Nov 2009 08:15:35
> To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
> Subject: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list
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416. Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 21:58:15 UTC
From: vk3vth
Topic: 408 Message: 416

Hi Trent,
Nope sorry. Wont be back to VK until Monday week.
Cheers

Tony VK3VTH

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> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2009 6:15 PM
> Subject: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list
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417. Re: {Disarmed} Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 22:09:50 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 417 Message: 417

Hi Tony,

After the effort you made to go mobile for the VK Shires I will wait until you get back to send into AR..

Regards

Trent

PS i have checked all emails and all possible files on the PC the only thing I can think happened is I logged on remotely and its saved on a different PC.... wierd..

----- Original Message -----
From: vk3vth
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2009 7:58 AM
Subject: {Disarmed} Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

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Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
Version: 8.5.425 / Virus Database: 270.14.53/2487 - Release Date: 11/07/09 19:39:00

418. Re: VK SHIRES RESULTS YAHOO GROUP ONLY - PRE AR RELEASE - ZL2CQ

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 22:16:31 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 412 Message: 418

We have decided to award the VK2VRD Oceania Trophy to ZL2CQ Paul,

- he worked quite a few of our stations and sent in a check log only however due to his efforts we feel the trophy is justified =

Well done Paul.

Trent VK4TI
Bill VK4FW

f) Oceania ZL2CQ .. kindly donated by VK2VRD, Robert
> Duck\

419. Re: [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 23:46:31 UTC
From: Chris Megaw
Topic: 400 Message: 419

Trent/Bill,
Has there been or will there be a list of most popular to least
popular shires coming out?
Just thinking of it as a planning tool to activate some of the rarer shires
in the future.

Chris
VK4FR

2009/11/7 David <vk3ldr@...>

>
>
> Excellent, thanks for that. I look forward to next years event. All Mr
> ZE is a hard one to top I think and Catherine too by the looks of it!!
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>
> *From:* vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] *On
> Behalf Of *Bill Horner
> *Sent:* Saturday, 7 November 2009 8:16 AM
> *To:* vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> *Subject:* Re: [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group
> Only
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>
> *I would like to say a big thank you to Trent for getting these results
> out in a timely manner.*
>
> *To all of you that took the time to participate in this inaugural contest
> congratulations. It is my belief that this contest will become a premier
> event every year with more and more participation.*
>
> *In the next coming weeks we will look closely at all the rules and see if
> we need to do any polishing. Your input is valuable on this matter so please
> feel free to send in suggestions. Once we have finalised the rules for 2010
> I intend to print out some flyers which I will freely make available to all
> (perhaps u can send them to ur friends when qsling).*
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> *Again congratulations to all.*
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>
> Bill Horner
> PO Box 612
> Childers
> 4660
> Australia
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> ----- Original Message -----
>
> *From:* VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
>
> *To:* vkshires@yahoogroups.com
>
> *Sent:* Saturday, November 07, 2009 7:01 AM
>
> *Subject:* [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only
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> *CALL*
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> CLAIMED SCORE*
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> CW CONTACTS*
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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-07 23:55:12 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 400 Message: 420

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Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2009 9:46 AM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

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From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Horner
Sent: Saturday, 7 November 2009 8:16 AM
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Subject: [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

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CLAIMED SCORE

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421. Re: results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-08 00:08:24 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 414 Message: 421

Bill,

Not to sure on the line of thinking here.

Cannot remember the exact figures, but I think it was along the lines of 614 total stations worked and out of that 227 were VK's, that leaves 387 overseas stations worked.

I don't think it is a rule change needed as much as it is a rethink of vk stations contest strategies.

This of course will alter as we progress further into the cycle.

I personally think that this result was a nice balance, only thing I would like to see is some more vk stations taking part.

If you look at the way the rules are currently set up, I can see in the forseeable future that this event will not be won by a VK but possibly a 9M , KH2 or simmilar, no gaurantees but certainly possible.

On that note cya

Laurie/vk7ze

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
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> According to th erules certificates will be issued to all placegetters providing they make 100 qsos.
> As u will see the overseas stations never stood a chance. I intend to still issue them with certificates. What we have got to do is find a way to allow for them to have a chance at working VKs instead of the vast majority of VKs just working each other........
> any suggestions to rule changes to make this happen???????
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> Bill Horner
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423. Re: [vkshires] RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-08 01:15:49 UTC
From: Chris Megaw
Topic: 400 Message: 423

Thanks Bill,
As you know I have the permission for Palm, hopefully next June. Once my home station is up and working I hope to get my field day equipment and procedures sorted and will use some of the shires not requiring a boat to get to to put it all to the test!

Cheers mate
Chris

2009/11/8 Bill Horner <vk4fw@...>

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From: Dale
Topic: 400 Message: 424

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426. {Disarmed} Re: {Disarmed} [vkshires] VK3VTH/M Not in results list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-08 06:30:13 UTC
From: vk3vth
Topic: 417 Message: 426

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-08 06:49:17 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 417 Message: 427

Hi guys

There is still time to get the missing results because the deadline for the Janaury magazine won't be until the end of November. For instance my deadline for the AR Contests column for the Jan 2010 magazine is December 1

cheers

Craig VK8PDX

From: vk3vth <tonyjohn10@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sun, 8 November, 2009 4:00:13 PM
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428. Re: [vkshires] Re: RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-08 06:55:25 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 400 Message: 428

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Bill Horner
PO Box 612
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From: Dale
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2009 11:41 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

G'day Bill et al,

Gee Bill retirement must be getting to you Hi Hi.

Torres Mapoon and Aurakun shires have been activated by me for the Worked all Queensland Award but maybe before you were licensed Hi Hi!

73 de Dale VK4DMC

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
>
> Chris the rarest in VK4 are as follows:
>
> Arakun, Ballon, Bulloo, Hope Vale, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mapoon, Northern Penninsula, Palm Island, PormpuraawTorres, Torres Strait and Wujul Wujal.
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> The ones above that have never been activated to date since the inception of the WAVKSA and the VK4shires award are
>
> Aurukun, Kowanyama, Mapoon, Palm, Toress, Toress Strait and Northern Penninsula.
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> The best one for u of course is Palm island.
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> If u have a map of vk4 shires u will easily see the boundries.
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> Hope this helps.
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429. Re: RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-08 07:24:40 UTC
From: Dale
Topic: 400 Message: 429

G'day Bill again,

Yep, card carrying member of the Old Timers Club Hi Hi!

Shires were activated back in the early 80's when I lived in Weipa. Call then weas VK4KDM. I worked John VK4FNQ plus many others from those shires.

As for going there again I'll leave it to the young ones to do. As they say "Been there Done that"

73 Dale VK4DMc (just reminiscening)

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430. CTESTWIN

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-08 09:39:40 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 430 Message: 430

The most popular Japanese Logger CTESTWIN has just released a support file for VK SHIRES 2010.

http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~wxl/ctestwin_main.html

Thank you to Eddy JI1AQY for the support -

Trent VK4TI

431. Stats from Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-08 10:55:14 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 431 Message: 431

Bill, Laurie & others,
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266 contacts, of which 58 were non-VK, which at the time I thought was quite good, so 208 VK, and there were 13 zone multipliers, but only 8 unique zones.
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Cheers,
Catherine VK4VCH

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-08 12:56:27 UTC
From: lyn.battle
Topic: 431 Message: 432

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> Catherine VK4VCH
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Thanks Catherine! I wish I could have spent more time on air for the contest, but the Work thing does get in the way...But will make an effort to give out the Shire on some sort of regular basis when we get back to the Island mid December - for the next few weeks, we will be Maritime Mobile in the Whitsunday area on MV Trim...
73

lyn Vk4SWE

433. Re: results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-10 19:53:38 UTC
From: paul_zl2cq
Topic: 414 Message: 433

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Topic: 414 Message: 434

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> > At the end of the day - scoring needs to be simple and straight forward, and lots of PR notices of the event/s.
> >
> > looking forward to it,
> > 73
> > Paul - zl2cq
> >
> >
> > --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner" <vk4fw@> wrote:
> > >
> > > According to th erules certificates will be issued to all placegetters providing they make 100 qsos.
> > > As u will see the overseas stations never stood a chance. I intend to still issue them with certificates. What we have got to do is find a way to allow for them to have a chance at working VKs instead of the vast majority of VKs just working each other.....
> > > any suggestions to rule changes to make this happen???????
> > >
> > >
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> > >
> >
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437. Re: RESULTS VK SHIRES -short form for YAHOO Group Only

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2009-11-12 12:07:01 UTC
From: maxileech
Topic: 400 Message: 437

Dale,
If you every decide that you want to go and play radio and have a beer or three, let Gary - VK4WT and I know, we are looking at heading to a distant shire for the next contest.
(And yes, I know, there are some places where we have to ditch the beer, they may stay on the 'wanted' list for awhile yet though, unless I can twist Gazza's arm) :)

73 de

Jeff - VK4BOF

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Dale" <vk4dmc@...> wrote:
>
> G'day Bill again,
>
> Yep, card carrying member of the Old Timers Club Hi Hi!
>
> Shires were activated back in the early 80's when I lived in Weipa. Call then weas VK4KDM.
> I worked John VK4FNQ plus many others from those shires.
>
> As for going there again I'll leave it to the young ones to do. As they say "Been there Done that"
>
> 73 Dale VK4DMc (just reminiscening)
>
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner" <vk4fw@> wrote:
> >
> > yes well seeing as u are getting to be ancient I am surprised u can remember how long ago that was.......grrrrrrrrr
> >
> > In fact it must be about time u did them again OVER
> >
> >
> > Bill Horner
>

439. VK Shires list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-02-22 02:15:41 UTC
From: Robert Edwin
Topic: 439 Message: 439

Hello to you all,I had a look at the number off Shires on the list and noticed that Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands are not included in the shires list,are they separate or counted as Iota contacts,I noted it was mentioned on the WIA transmission on Sunday Morning,a check on this HP shoes it is not up-to-date,still showing last years.
VK2KLO Bob

440. Re: VK Shires list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-02-22 20:31:14 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 439 Message: 440

Both are separate DXCC countries- however obscure Lord Howe is part of NSW and from memory part of Port Macquarie Shire - I will be corrected on that...

Norfolk is an external territory to Australia and yes a separate IOTA and DXCC.

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441. changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-09 09:28:20 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 441 Message: 441

As soon as I get home I will be updating the shires list for all.
One change I have been officially informed of is that the ROMA REGIONAL COUNCIL is no longer and has been replaced with MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL..... I would like to thank Bill VK4VHD who was able to find time recently to let me know whilst at the same time being a valuable assistant with the floods in Roma......

regards

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442. 2010 Contest -2009 Results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-09 21:59:14 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 442 Message: 442

The results are being forwarded to AR courtesy of VK8PDX - work related matters swamped me and I was getting further behind in getting the article done. VK8PDX asked whether it was oK to put results in AR...Thanks very much Craig.

The advertising campaign for the 2010 contest will start shortly and after the success of the 2009 inaugural contest I can only assume that 2010 will be much better.

Perhaps some posts here of your intentions will start to stir thoughts for 2010.

I am planning to operate from a Dam somewhere and do a bit of fishing at the same time...thinking Glen Lyon Dam in far south QLD -Due west of Stanthorpe -assuming its in Southern Downs but need to check...

Regards to All -

Trent VK4TI

443. changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-17 23:46:55 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 441 Message: 443

The only change for the 2010 contest/award is that in QLD..... Roma Regional Council RM4 has become Maranoa Regional Council MC4

Trent please send this to all the software writers so that they can update the details.

regards

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444. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-17 23:49:34 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 444

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /ALL VK SHIRES .... MUNICIPALITIES 2010.xls
Uploaded by : vk4fw <vkdxer@...>
Description : 2010 Municipalities / Shires in Australia

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/ALL%20VK%20SHIRES%20....%20MUNICIPALITIES%202010.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/forms/general.htmlfiles

Regards,

vk4fw <vkdxer@...>

445. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-17 23:52:35 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 445

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /2010 Australian Shires Contest Final Rules.doc
Uploaded by : vk4fw <vkdxer@...>
Description : 2010 VK SHIRES CONTEST RULES

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/2010%20Australian%20Shires%20Contest%20Final%20Rules.doc

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/forms/general.htmlfiles

Regards,

vk4fw <vkdxer@...>

446. latest files

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-17 23:57:41 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 446 Message: 446

To all please note that i have just uploaded the latest list of shires/municiplalities/local governemnet areas as well as the 2010 contest rules. Last year Craig VK8PDX made a list of known shires that would be active in the contest. Whilst I have not spoken to Craig I am pretty sure that he would be happy to do this again so please send him your proposed activations for the contest.
You are all reminded that the software writers have only just been given the changes so they will not have had time to finalise a new version of logging software as yet. I expect that they will let us all know when it is available.

kind regards

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447. 2010 Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-18 00:18:05 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 446 Message: 447

Hi Bill,
I'm planning to go rover station and can activate 3 shires or more if needed.
Trans-Tasman 160m contest on that evening, so will likely be out only daylight
hours.
Regards,
Luke

At 09:57 18/03/2010 +1000, you wrote:
>
>
>
> To all please note that i have just uploaded the latest list of
> shires/municiplalities/local governemnet areas as well as the 2010 contest
> rules.

448. MOVE TO WEBS WEBSITE ...

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-18 00:25:27 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 448 Message: 448

What is the consensus to moving VK SHires to a Webs website ? formated like

www.vkradioscope.com.au ?

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Trent VK4TI

449. Re: [vkshires] MOVE TO WEBS WEBSITE ...

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-18 00:46:45 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 448 Message: 449

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450. Re: [vkshires] MOVE TO WEBS WEBSITE ...

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-18 00:47:08 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 448 Message: 450

BTW pse confirm that u will send all the software writers a copy of the changes

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451. Re: MOVE TO WEBS WEBSITE ...

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-18 01:21:22 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 448 Message: 451

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VK4TI

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452. Re: [vkshires] MOVE TO WEBS WEBSITE ...

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-18 01:31:54 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 448 Message: 452

Trent

Great idea!!

Regards
Peter
VK8HPB

From: VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
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453. Re: [vkshires] Re: MOVE TO WEBS WEBSITE ...

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-18 02:01:17 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 448 Message: 453

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454. Re: MOVE TO WEBS WEBSITE ...

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-18 02:26:52 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 448 Message: 454

After all the stirring you have been doing over the VK100WIA fiasco I bet I know what your password will be !!

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455. another change

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-18 08:25:01 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 455 Message: 455

Dalby DR4 is now Western Downs WD4

I will update the file in a few minutes.

regards

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456. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
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From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 456

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Regards,

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457. wia web site updated

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-03-19 08:53:34 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 457 Message: 457

I finally got the web site updated.

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458. SHIRE ALERT VK2YCJ Mobile TODAY and Next week.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-04 01:11:52 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 458 Message: 458

Today Sunday the 4th April 2010, over the next week Jamie VK2YCJ will be heading from Urunga Convention North To Rockhampton (over night at Gympie) - West to Longreach south to Cunnamulla and then via Dirranbandi and Lightning Ridge to return to Newcastle..Jamie will stop for any skeds and throw up a long wire...

Jamie's Mobile Number is 0418 628 321

Trent VK4TI

459. Re: SHIRE ALERT VK2YCJ Mobile TODAY and Next week.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-04 09:19:48 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 458 Message: 459

Further to this post - would anyone north of Gympie on this email list have a 40M mobile whip they could loan/ or sell to VK2YCJ ? He is staying overnight in Gympie tonight.

Trent Vk4TI

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460. Re: [vkshires] Re: SHIRE ALERT VK2YCJ Mobile TODAY and Next week.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-04 12:43:42 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 458 Message: 460

yes I have one..... tell him to call me on 0428877551..... or 41266220..... 11 Jensen St Cordalba.

cheers

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> Trent VK4TI
>

461. Re: SHIRE ALERT VK2YCJ Mobile TODAY and Next week.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-04 20:41:24 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 458 Message: 461

FROM VK2YCJ MOBILE =

Okay, just looking we should try and be active at:

Barcaldine

Longreach

Blackall

Charleville

Cunnamulla

Dirranbandi

Lightning Ridge

BTW, a dead easy way of working out what towns are covered by what
shires is go to the following and type in town name. This will not
cover all towns but major towns with airfields:

http://www.aeroclub.com.au/airfields/

Example:

Charleville - Murweh Shire Council

Cunnamulla - Paroo Shire Council

Easy ...

Jamie Campbell

vk2ycj@...

I didn't have time to write a short letter, so I
wrote a long one instead. (Mark Twain, 1835-1910)

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner" <vkdxer@...> wrote:
>
> yes I have one..... tell him to call me on 0428877551..... or
41266220..... 11 Jensen St Cordalba.
>
> cheers
>
> Bill Horner
> President
> Oceania Amateur Radio Dx Group Incorporated

> PO Box 612
> Childers, 4660
> Australia
>
> Ph 07 41266220
> Mobile 0428877551
> International
> Ph +61 7 41266220
> Cell +61 428877551
>
> url: www.odxg.org
> skype : billvk4fw
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: VK4TI
> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Sunday, April 04, 2010 7:19 PM
> Subject: [vkshires] Re: SHIRE ALERT VK2YCJ Mobile TODAY and Next week.
>
>
>
> Further to this post - would anyone north of Gympie on this email list have a 40M mobile whip they could loan/ or sell to VK2YCJ ? He is staying overnight in Gympie tonight.
>
> Trent Vk4TI
>
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "VK4TI" <vk4ti@> wrote:
> >
> > Today Sunday the 4th April 2010, over the next week Jamie VK2YCJ will be heading from Urunga Convention North To Rockhampton (over night at Gympie) - West to Longreach south to Cunnamulla and then via Dirranbandi and Lightning Ridge to return to Newcastle..Jamie will stop for any skeds and throw up a long wire...
> >
> > Jamie's Mobile Number is 0418 628 321
> >
> > Trent VK4TI
> >
>

463. 2010 contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-04 23:46:08 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 463 Message: 463

does not start at 02.00 but at 06.00utc
not sure where this come from but i will check all sourses.

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464. NSW Temora Shire Council TE2

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-04 23:51:29 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 464 Message: 464

I am at present parked in the above mentioned shire and have HF running.

We will be listening on 7.080 MHz (+ or - 5KHz if frequency is in use) between 4.00pm and 5.00pm today, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Cheers,

Gerard
VK2JNG

465. RE: [vkshires] NSW Temora Shire Council TE2

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-05 00:06:35 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 464 Message: 465

Hello Gerard! I will try to give you a call this evening! Enjoy your trip!

lyn VK4SWE

Sweers Island

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of jandgandjochem
Sent: Monday, 5 April 2010 9:51 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] NSW Temora Shire Council TE2

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We will be listening on 7.080 MHz (+ or - 5KHz if frequency is in use) between 4.00pm and 5.00pm today, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Cheers,

Gerard
VK2JNG

466. ANNOUNCING The 2010 Australian Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-05 00:13:08 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 466 Message: 466

ANNOUNCING
The 2010 Australian Shires Contest
Held the first full weekend of June every year. (June Long Weekend Eastern States)

********CORRECTION**********

Starts: 06.00 UTC Saturday, June 12, 2009
Ends: 06.00 UTC Sunday, June 13, 2009

I. Contest Period: 24 hours for all stations, all categories.

II. Objectives: The objectives of this contest are for amateurs around the world to contact as many VK shires as possible in the contest period. IE. VK amateurs are to work the world including VK, whilst the rest of the world can only work VK

III.

A) Bands:. 80 Metres 3.500 - 3.700 MHz, 40 Metres 7.000 - 7.250 MHz, 20 Metres 14.000 - 14.250 MHz, 15 Metres 21.000 - 21.350 MHz, 10 Metres 28.000 - 28.600 MHz. Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted.

B) Modes: SSB and CW only

467. vk4vhd/m

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-05 06:43:09 UTC
From: Bill Horner
Topic: 467 Message: 467

now on 7.080 heading thru Maranoa Shire

Billy will be there for about 1 hour enroute home.

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468. Supported Software VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-10 22:58:18 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 468 Message: 468

This year the supporting loggers are:

VKCL http://web.aanet.com.au/mnds/

W3KM http://www.qsl.net/w3km/gen_log.htm

CQTESTWIN -japanese language logger

SUPER DUPER - http://www.ei5di.com/

Please make use of our software supporters packages..

Regards

Trent VK4TI

469. A Major Project for the WIA 100 Year Anniversary ???

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-14 21:22:13 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 469 Message: 469

1. Ham Radio Operators were at the forefront of technology 100 years ago but we have slipped a little

2. We need a project that can be useful to all VK Hams regardless of geographic location and also allow us to 'show off' to others that we are still a force in technology and communication. We might make the project future proof so we can include some features that haven't been invented yet.

3. The Northern Californian DX Foundation operate an innovative and wonderful resource called the 'International Beacon Project'. It consists of a series of multi-frequency HF radio beacons installed at 18 locations throughout the world. This service is used by Radio Amateurs, Short Wave Listeners and Commercial Operators to gauge propagation conditions around the world and is even ported to software and hardware solutions to help display the results.

http://www.ncdxf.org/beacons.html

4. With this sort of knowledge a LOT has changed with HF propagation in the last few years. http://www.ips.gov.au has a wealth of information both real time, predictions and examples of commercial services they are providing.

a) HF prediction services for Qantas, Virgin Blue, Jetstar, Red Cross, Marine Radio, SA Coastal Radio, State Emergency Service, and many more

b) IPS consulting services to relocate services like Melbourne Marine Radio, Sydney Marine Radio and Brisbane Marie Radio to an inland location like Charleville and Wiluna

c) Same for SA Coastal Radio to relocate transmitters to Alice Springs and Broken Hill

d) The Australian Defence Force moving from satellite communications to a network of 4 stations around Australia using 5 frequency sets and auto-select transceivers

5. A similar project specifically for propagation within Australia could be established with 6 to 12 stations located across the country. It could be used by Radio Hams, Short Wave Listeners, Commercial Operators, The Ionospheric Prediction Service and others to get a real time appraisal of the HF spectrum AND a multitude of other services. It would also make it a heap easier for VK Hams to talk to one another.

a) The Australia (Amateur) HF Beacon Network

b) The (Amateur) Emergency Notification Network (as a secondary service)

c) The (Amateur) Short Message Notification Network (using digital modes but used as a tertiary service)

d) Services and data technologies that have not been invented yet.

What do you reckon ? A useful major project ? Check out the links below to see the great success that the Northern Californian DX Foundation has had and in fact the progress they have made from day one to now:

http://www.ncdxf.org/beacons.html

Check out the three PDF files on the following link from QST articles:

http://www.iaru.org/articles/

REFER DISCUSSION PAGES www.vkradioscope.webs.com

Jamie Campbell

vk2ycj@...

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470. Re: [vkshires] A Major Project for the WIA 100 Year Anniversary ???

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-15 01:51:47 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 469 Message: 470

This is most interesting.

>
> 1. Ham Radio Operators were at the forefront of technology 100 years ago
> but we have slipped a little

"Forefront of Technology" to me means "potential commercial application". This is not really Amateur Radio as I know it. Not to say some Radio Amateurs are not experimenting and developing leading edge technology.

>
> d) The Australian Defence Force moving from satellite communications to
> a network of 4 stations around Australia using 5 frequency sets and
> auto-select transceivers

Has the ADF really gone back to HF strategic comms? I worked in HF Radio in the
80s, and it was all decommissioned in the 90s, being replaced by DISCON, which used landline comms network, backed up by geostationary satcom. This worried me, as the satellites are owned by a foreign Police State.

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> wonderful resource called the 'International Beacon Project'.
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> 5. A similar project specifically for propagation within Australia could
> be established with 6 to 12 stations located across the country.
>
> a) The Australia (Amateur) HF Beacon Network

This does sound interesting. Presently the IBP only has one beacon in VK, and being in Perth, would not give much indication of propagation to the East Coast
from the rest of the world.
How about some of the resources being wasted on millions of Repeaters that are little used, be directed towards a HF Beacon Project? There are standalone beacons on 10m about the place, but nothing listed for the rest of HF in VK.
Another plus, get rid of the repeater on the costly commercial mountaintop site, and site a HF beacon in a back paddock somewhere. You don't need to put a
HF beacon on a hill.
One beacon somewhere in each of the smaller states, and a couple or three to cover the regions of interest in the large states.

>
> What do you reckon ? A useful major project ?

Yeah, much more useful (universally) than stupid b... repeaters that may only get used occasionally. Even just in metro Melbourne, there are dozens of repeaters that are just not used! I just counted 97 repeaters in VK3 just on 2m
and 70cm (not counting D-STAR, 10, 6m, and 23cm and up). Licence fees and site fees are substantial. Yes, it seems we have a repeater each in VK3, but try to raise a QSO on one when you're driving around!

Regards,
Luke VK3HJ

471. RE: [vkshires] A Major Project for the WIA 100 Year Anniversary ???

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-15 14:35:39 UTC
From: John Ferrington
Topic: 471 Message: 471

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Luke, the reason the NCDXF beacon is in WA is coz everyone in the world needs zone 29. No one needs zone 30 anymore ..and so my mates on the east coast can tell me when we have propagation between VK2/3 and VK6 ..or was it because there was only one or 2 active amateurs in VK6 at one stage, so to make sure VK6 hadnt slipped off the planet, they put the beacon here .

My thoughts on the topic ..

BTW, I reckon it☐s a great idea and maybe we should get a team together to install on Macquarie Island as part of the project .should take them 2 or 3 weeks and 60 or 70,000 q☐s .

John

de vk6hz

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Luke Steele
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2010 9:52 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [vkshires] A Major Project for the WIA 100 Year Anniversary ???

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Regards,
Luke VK3HJ

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Version: 9.0.801 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/2812 - Release Date: 04/15/10 14:31:00

472. Portable in Somerset Shire

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-15 21:19:39 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 472 Message: 472

We are off on another camping weekend, this time to Somerset Dam, which is in the Somerset Regional Council SM4. I will be on air this evening, and maybe tommorrow, on 840 and 80, mainly 40 in the range 7070 to 7090. Even though it is close to Brisbane, I don't have a contact to SM4, so may some others don't either, so listen out.
Catherine VK4GH

473. Re: Portable in Somerset Shire

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-15 21:29:10 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 472 Message: 473

Great news Catherine,

Hope to work you there - VK4KW is located in SM4 - in the last twelve months they have worked over 14,000 QSOs

Cheers

Trent VK4TI

One of the VK4KW operators..

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> Catherine VK4GH
>

474. VK SHIRES 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-04-29 21:52:48 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 474 Message: 474

The VK SHIRES Contest is on again -

there are no rule changes but we have two QLD Shires that have amalgamated.

Tactics in the VK Shires include -

Making sure you work multipliers on both modes (they count twice)

Running the Low band VK stations and ensuring a good day on 15 and 10M (if they are open)

JA stations are very aware of VK Shires as CQTESTWIN the Japanese language logger has a module - so make sure you benefit form the JA prescence and give them out your local shire..

If you are unsure of your Shire code the list is available at ;

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/

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B) Modes: SSB and CW only

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W3KM http://www.qsl.net/w3km/gen_log.htm

CQTESTWIN -japanese language logger

SUPER DUPER - http://www.ei5di.com/

Please make use of our software supporters packages..

Regards

Trent VK4TI
Bill VK4FW

475. Oceania DXT Yahoo Group Changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-05-04 21:11:55 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 475 Message: 475

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OceaniaDXTest/

Geoof Clark ZL3GA has been appointed co- moderator to the yahoo group...This is to avoid problems like happens to the group before with SPAM etc..

We now have a moderator from both sides of the Tasman..

Trent VK4TI

476. WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-05-13 22:22:22 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 476 Message: 476

How far and wide are we heading this year ??

I will be heading to Warwick for the state hockey championships as a selector for the QLD state sides..

If anyone is setting up a multi op in the Warwick area can they please drop me a note if I could join in...otherwise I will be QRV from the Mobile on 40M in the evening....

Trent VK4TI

477. Re: WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-05-14 01:24:41 UTC
From: lyn.battle
Topic: 476 Message: 477

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "VK4TI" <vk4ti@...> wrote:
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> How far and wide are we heading this year ??
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> I will be heading to Warwick for the state hockey championships as a selector for the QLD state sides..
>
> If anyone is setting up a multi op in the Warwick area can they please drop me a note if I could join in...otherwise I will be QRV from the Mobile on 40M in the evening....
>
> Trent VK4TI
>
VK4SWE will be active from Sweers Island in Mornington Shire MG4 (Gulf of Carpentaria) on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Times will have to fit around work schedule - but we'll do the best we can!

478. VK Shires Contest Weekend

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-05-14 09:02:14 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 478 Message: 478

We will be going portable (rover) for the contest, this time to TD2 Tenterfield in far northern NSW. We were there for the John Moyle Contest and it seemed like a great radio contest position, so we are trying it out again. Hope its not too cold, as it is on the top of a hill facing south.
Catherine VK4GH & John VK4IO

479. Re: VK Shires Contest Weekend

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-05-14 11:08:19 UTC
From: lyn.battle
Topic: 478 Message: 479

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> Catherine VK4GH & John VK4IO
>
Hey catherine! Hope we can make contact over the weekend! I will keep an eye out for you -oops, make that an "ear" hi!

73/33

lyn Vk4SWE

480. Re: [vkshires] WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-05-14 11:06:59 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 476 Message: 480

Hi All

This contest sits in the middle of winter so wherever I go outside it is sure to be cold.

If all goes to plan I will be active from CS3, Cardinia, on Saturday and Sunday and 'roving' to BB3, Baw Baw, and SG3, South Gippsland, on Sunday if the weather is fine.

The Saturday night is also the 160m VK trans Tasman contest that I was thinking about entering as well.

73
Peter VK3ZPF

----- Original Message -----
From: VK4TI
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 8:22 AM
Subject: [vkshires] WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

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Trent VK4TI

481. NEW ISSUE OF PILEUP IS OUT

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-05-17 05:42:27 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 481 Message: 481

http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela/PU/PU2_2010.pdf

Has mention of our own VK Shires Contest

73
VK4TI

482. Activating the Liverpool Plains Shire Council today, Wednesday 19/05/2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-05-18 22:36:41 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 482 Message: 482

To nayone interested.

I am currently in the Liverpool Plains Shire Council (LP2) and will be listening on 40m on 7.080 LSB from 3.00pm till 3.30pm.

Kind regards,
Gerard
VK2JNG

483. Fw: VK shires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-05-31 20:40:31 UTC
From: WebInsure (Blackberry)
Topic: 483 Message: 483
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Trent Sampson
Po Box 1647
Toowoomba QLD 4350
ph. 0408 497 550

-----Original Message-----
From: Yuichi Horiuchi <y-horiuchi@mx7.ttcn.ne.jp>
Date: Mon, 31 May 2010 19:47:24
To: VK4TI<vk4ti@wia.org.au>
Subject: Re: VK shires contest

Hi Trent,

One of the most famous Japanese contest web site introduces VK shires
contest as I asked to do.

http://www.cqcqcq.org/contestdx/index.html

Attached are hard copies of the page.
The rule in Japanese which I translated is on the page.
I hope many JA stations will join.

Best regards,

Eddy JI1AQY
----- Original Message -----
From: Yuichi Horiuchi
To: VK4TI
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2010 8:52 AM
Subject: Re: VK shires contest

Thank you Trent for the prompt reply.

Have a safe drive!

Eddy JI1AQY
----- Original Message -----
From: VK4TI
To: Yuichi Horiuchi
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2010 8:24 AM
Subject: Re: VK shires contest

MC = Maranoa Regional Council (Maranoa)

WD = Western Downs

Thank you for all your work Eddy...

Will give you an answer to your questions later ... going mobile to Gold Coast

----- Original Message -----
From: Yuichi Horiuchi
To: VK4TI
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2010 8:27 AM
Subject: Re: VK shires contest

Hi Trent,

Sorry for the late reply and thank you for the information.

Could you let me know the actual shire name of MC4 and WD4?
My CTESTWIN displays abbreviation codes and full names of shire as well. (Please see attached file)

I asked CQ magazine, but I have not received a reply yet.
Also I asked one of the most popular contest web sites in JA, and he willingly accepted to list up your contest.
The following URL is his page. (The contets for this June is not made yet as of today)
http://www.cqcqcq.org/contestdx/index.html

By the way it's OK to make a link to CTESTWIN's page if you would like.
http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~wxl/Downlod.html

I translated 2010 rule into Japanese, you can upload on your web if you would like.(VK_Shire_jp_2010.txt)

Best regards,

Eddy JI1AQY
----- Original Message -----
From: VK4TI
To: Yuichi Horiuchi
Cc: Bill Horner
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2010 7:31 AM
Subject: Re: VK shires contest

Hi Eddie

Here is the text - thank you for updating CQ magazine that would be great.....

Regards Trent and Bill from VK shires

Hi Bill

Eddie pointed out we still have 2009 rules on vkshires.info can you please update ?

Greetings from VK Shires,

Again I would like to thank you for your support of the VK Shires Contests

The following shires have changed in 2010 +

The only changes to the Shires are Dalby and Roma

RM4 - MC4

DR4 - WD4

Could you please modify your contest database accordingly ?

Regards

Trent VK4TI

----- Original Message -----
From: Yuichi Horiuchi
To: VK4TI
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2010 8:13 AM
Subject: VK shires contest

Hi Trent,

A few days ago, I might receive a mail from you regarding change of shires.
But it seems I might lose the mail. Could you please send the mail again?

By the way, the contest rule on your web sight is still for 2009.
Could you please let me know if you update it for 2010 rule?
I would like to ask CQ magazine and other contest web site in Japan to introduce your contest and my logger CTESTWIN is ready for VK shires contest.

Best regards,

Eddy JI1AQY

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Version: 9.0.801 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/2817 - Release Date: 04/18/10 04:31:00

484. 2009 contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 07:00:48 UTC
From: Dick
Topic: 484 Message: 484

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485. Re: [vkshires] 2009 contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 07:26:20 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 484 Message: 485

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Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 5:00 PM
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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 07:48:03 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 484 Message: 486

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From: Bill Horner VK4FW <vk4fw@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, 2 June, 2010 4:56:20 PM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] 2009 contest

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487. RE: [vkshires] 2009 contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 08:54:38 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 484 Message: 487

Hi Craig - this is Lyn VK4SWE - do you know Shu-san JN6RZM - he is a very active blogger for IOTA chasing mainly, but he has an excellent contacts network, if you want to drum up business from JA - he is your man - jn6rzm@...

73 de lyn VK4SWE

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From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Craig Edwards
Sent: Wednesday, 2 June 2010 5:48 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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488. Shires Listing

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 09:22:57 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 488 Message: 488

Hi All, Just wanted to check the date of the Shire/Council listing on the vkshires.info website to make sure I had the latest, and found that the link is not working at the moment.
We are still off to TD2 for the contest.
Catherine VK4GH

489. Re: [vkshires] Shires Listing

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 09:31:21 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 488 Message: 489

the dates are ok on the wia site and will be updated hopefully today on vkshires.info

The webmaster has been extremely busy with work committments but I am confident he will have fixed it soon.

regards

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490. Re: [vkshires] WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 10:10:13 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 476 Message: 490

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Have a good time with the Contest, and I plan to be there for it in 2011.
Best 73,
Luke VK3HJ

491. Re: WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 10:29:41 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 476 Message: 491

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Trent VK4TI

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492. Re: [vkshires] Shires Listing

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 10:38:35 UTC
From: John, VK5PO
Topic: 488 Message: 492

Hi Catherine...hope you and John are well?
Just did some modifications to the VKSHIRES web site...all should be in
order now.
73 de John, VK5PO

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> No virus found in this incoming message.
> Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
> Version: 8.5.437 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/2911 - Release Date: 06/01/10 18:25:00
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493. Re: [vkshires] Re: WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 12:19:56 UTC
From: Mark Cederblad
Topic: 476 Message: 493

Hey Trent,
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Cheers, Mark-VK4ADX/2

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From: VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
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494. Re: WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 21:00:30 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 476 Message: 494

Great Mark,

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495. Re: [vkshires] Re: WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-02 22:23:13 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 476 Message: 495

G'Day Trent et al

I have to work morning shift on the Saturday but will be OK on Sunday (if I get the OK from the XYL). I planned to go roving and operate from Comalie C8?, Litchfield L8? and Adelaide River AR8 Shires for the weekend but work saw to that.

If all else fails I'll be working from home... PC8.

Catch you all on air.

Regards
Peter
VK8HPB

From: VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@...m
Sent: Thu, 3 June, 2010 6:30:30 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-03 00:20:39 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 476 Message: 496

Peter- Don't forget that the contest starts late in the Day not 00:00 UTC

Be great to work you from anyone of those exotic locations

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497. VK Shires 2009 Reults

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-03 03:36:36 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 497 Message: 497

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Single Op

VK7ZE 115432 0 Single Op
VK2IM 48672 134 Single Op Most CW Contacts by any station VK5NJ Trophy
VK4VCH 46110 0 Single Op
VK2TSB 32704 0 Single Op
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VK3LDR 15707 0 Single Op
VK5NPR 13624 9 Single Op
VK5ATU 12444 0 Single Op
VK4VDX 12288 0 Single Op
VK4ATH 10260 0 Single Op
VK2BPL 10120 12 Single Op
VK4IM 9265 0 Single Op
VK3HJ 8774 1 Single Op
VK4HG 8748 0 Single Op
VK3ZPF 6840 0 Single Op
VK3AVV 4725 0 Single Op
VK4XY 4502 5 Single Op
VK2KDP 3696 0 Single Op
VK2VRD 2585 0 Single Op
VK4PDR 2544 0 Single Op
VK4MHZ 2337 0 Single Op
VK2HV 2322 0 Single Op
VK7VH 2205 0 Single Op
VK7AD 2112 0 Single Op
VK2IO 2100 0 Single Op
VK2IO 2100 0 Single Op
VK4CL 2058 0 Single Op
VK2LCD 1786 0 Single Op
VK2NCD 1638 0 Single Op
VK4FNQ 1584 0 Single Op
VK3ZGP 1443 0 Single Op
VK2MRN 1360 0 Single Op
VK3AJ/8 840 0 Single Op
VK2HHS 784 0 Single Op
VK2GR/8 704 23 Single Op
VK3TDX 440 2 Single Op
VK3KIH 440 0 Single Op
VK2ZCM 272 0 Single Op
VK3TX 100 10 Single Op
VK2TTL 64 0 Single Op
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VK4PJC 56 0 Single Op
VK4SWE 25 1 Single Op

Multi Two

VK4WIL 68257 0 Multi Two
VK2BV 11160 0 Multi Two
VK2LE 990 0 Multi Two

Single Rover

VK5HRT 35168 0 Single Rover

Multi Op Rover

VK4YN 31725 53 Multi Op Rover
VK4GHL 31416 0 Multi Op Rover

Foundation

VK2FEDS 42504 0 Foundation
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VK4FABC 17649 0 Foundation
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VK2FHRK 11000 0 Foundation
VK2FDDK 4884 0 Foundation
VK4FHYH 1296 0 Foundation
VK4FABD 783 0 Foundation
VK3FAJM 100 0 Foundation

DX

Asia
JA6DIJ 16 4 Single Op
JA7OWD 1 1 Single Op

North America
W6RKC 100 Single Op
KD6HHG 6 0 Single Op

Europe
IZ8GNR 4 0 Single Op

Certificates;

1 VK Single Op VK7ZE... kindly donated by VK4KW, Phil Smeaton
2 VK Multi Two VK4WIL .. kindly donated by VK4VCC, Laurie Porter
3. VK Single Op Foundation VK2FEDS... kindly donated by VK2DX, Nick Hacko
4 VK Single Op Rover VK5HRT. kindly donated by VK6HZ, John Ferrington
5 VK Multi Two Rover VK4YN . kindly donated by VK4TI, Trent Sampson
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b) South America N/A.. kindly donated by VK4NDX, Dave Clifford
c) Asia JA6DIJ.. kindly donated by VK4KYL and VK4ZD, Diane and Bill Main

d) Europe IZ8GNR .. kindly donated by VK4HAM, Andrew Munson
e) Africa N/A... kindly donated by VK3VTH, Tony Hambling
f) Oceania ... kindly donated by VK2VRD, Robert Duck

498. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires 2009 Reults

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-03 05:16:31 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 497 Message: 498

I have now put these results on the wia site

regarding repeat contacts..... never, never , never

the only time u may make any sort of repeat contact is if one of the rover stations changes shires.

Bill Horner, VK4FW
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----- Original Message -----
From: VK4TI
To: vkcc@yahoogroups.com ; vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:36 PM
Subject: [vkshires] VK Shires 2009 Reults

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VK4FABD 783 0 Foundation
VK3FAJM 100 0 Foundation

DX

Asia
JA6DIJ 16 4 Single Op
JA7OWD 1 1 Single Op

North America
W6RKC 100 Single Op
KD6HHG 6 0 Single Op

Europe
IZ8GNR 4 0 Single Op

Certificates;

1 VK Single Op VK7ZE... kindly donated by VK4KW, Phil Smeaton
2 VK Multi Two VK4WIL .. kindly donated by VK4VCC, Laurie Porter
3. VK Single Op Foundation VK2FEDS... kindly donated by VK2DX, Nick Hacko
4 VK Single Op Rover VK5HRT. kindly donated by VK6HZ, John Ferrington
5 VK Multi Two Rover VK4YN . kindly donated by VK4TI, Trent Sampson
6 DX Single Op .. as below
a) North America W6RKC.. kindly donated by VK5HRT, Craig Edwards
b) South America N/A.. kindly donated by VK4NDX, Dave Clifford
c) Asia JA6DIJ.. kindly donated by VK4KYL and VK4ZD, Diane and Bill Main
d) Europe IZ8GNR .. kindly donated by VK4HAM, Andrew Munson
e) Africa N/A... kindly donated by VK3VTH, Tony Hambling
f) Oceania ... kindly donated by VK2VRD, Robert Duck

499. Re: [vkshires] Re: WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-03 10:22:26 UTC
From: Mark Cederblad
Topic: 476 Message: 499

Remember 160 isn't needed!!! I wont read the rules until I'm backin' out of the garage!!

My thinking is that I can hit 3-4 shires with few resident Hams, all between our place and 1 pit stop north by going rover. Go East another 10 min drive and I can hit another.

Therefore Tenterfield is way too far to go unless we're heading to your place for a brew!.

Cheers all, look forward to working anyone I can.

Mark-VK4ADX/2

_____
From: VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, 3 June, 2010 7:00:30 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??

Great Mark,

Remember you wont need 160M in the VK Shires Contest....

If you keep coming up the New England - TD2 (Tenterfield) is an operation by Catherine VK4VCH and John (whats her new call)

and further up the highway

I will be in Warwick (SD4) and will be on air mobile from Warwick but only after 10pm..

Trent VK4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Mark Cederblad <vk4adx@...> wrote:
>
> Hey Trent,
> Thinking of going portable between SS2 (Singleton), MK2 (Muswellbrook) and UH2 (Upper Hunter) shire areas along the New England Highway. QRV on 20 and 40 metres but will try to operate on 160, 80 and 10 metresÂ from the mobile for at least part of the contest.
>
> Cheers, Mark-VK4ADX/2
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> _____
> From: VK4TI <vk4ti@...>
> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Wed, 2 June, 2010 8:29:41 PM
> Subject: [vkshires] Re: WHAT IS EVERYONE UP TO FOR THE VK SHIRES ??
>

> Â
> Thanks for the update Luke -
>
> Your help was always appreciated all involved in VK Shires - Hope to see you in 2011.
>
> Trent VK4TI
>
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Luke Steele <mail10@> wrote:
> >
> > Hi all,
> > I will be unable to participate in this year's Shires Contest.
> > The long weekend was recommended to me as most suitable for a clearing sale
> > of my late mum's household stuff, so will need to be in SA to conduct it.
> > Unfortunately, I will also miss the 160m Trans-Tasman contest. This Sunday
> > I am planning to put up my new vertical antenna, so hope to continue to
> > chip away at DXCC on Top Band.
> > Have a good time with the Contest, and I plan to be there for it in 2011.
> > Best 73,
> > Luke VK3HJ
> >
>

500. RULES CHANGES IN 2011.....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-07 00:55:07 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 500 Message: 500

While not a rule change - what are your (every-ones) thoughts on NOT splitting ROVER and NO ROVER -

So that a station would need to make a decision to rove to get the mults or stay put ....

Makes for some interesting strategy calls.....

As members of this Yahoo group have supported the contest; variations will be "tested" here first..

Can you think of the implications when operating this year and give us feedback after the contest

Regards and have a great weekend..

Trent VK4TI

501. Re: [vkshires] RULES CHANGES IN 2011.....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-07 01:10:30 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 500 Message: 501

My 1 cent worth

I do not believe we should bundle Rovers and home stations together if we intend to promote this contest and encourage as many as possible to participate.....

Reasons below:

1. Most of the rover stations are the younger generation of operators and or new operators that are as keen as.
2. The majority of operators stay at home mainly because we are an ageing population.

as I said just my 1 cent worth

Bill Horner, VK4FW
PO box 612
Childers, 4660
Australia

ph 0428877551 or 07 41266220
----- Original Message -----
From: VK4TI
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:55 AM
Subject: [vkshires] RULES CHANGES IN 2011.....

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Regards and have a great weekend..

Trent VK4TI

502. 2010 VK Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-07 01:46:43 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 502 Message: 502

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DC7, IP4, TD2, CS3, BB3, SG3, SS2, MK2, UH2, AR8, PC8, BU4, SB4, NB4, BL4, TW4, LO4, GY4, DR4, YS2, WZ2, GL3, BU7, CC8 and BS8

regards

Bill Horner, VK4FW
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ph 0428877551 or 07 41266220

503. Re: 2010 VK Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-07 07:22:00 UTC
From: vkhamster
Topic: 502 Message: 503

Good to see so many shires active. Is the BL4 you mention me? Or is someone else heading out west as well.

Andrew VK4HAM

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner VK4FW" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
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504. We are in the NEWS !!!!!

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-07 07:33:04 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 504 Message: 504

http://www.radio-sport.net/vkshires10_pre.htm

505. Re: [vkshires] Re: 2010 VK Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-07 08:22:33 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 502 Message: 505

no thats u

Bill Horner, VK4FW
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Childers, 4660
Australia

ph 0428877551 or 07 41266220
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From: vkhamster
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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506. RE: [vkshires] Re: 2010 VK Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-07 09:17:16 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 502 Message: 506
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi - Lyn will activate Mornington Shire MG4 for as much as possible during the weekend, though work commitments are going to limit on air time.

lyn Vk4SWE

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Bill Horner VK4FW
Sent: Monday, 7 June 2010 6:23 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Re: 2010 VK Shires Contest

no thats u

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507. Re: Rover and Home Stations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-07 09:29:07 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 507 Message: 507

Hi to all,
Here's hoping we have a bit better propogation this weekend than what has been the norm lately.
In regards to Trent's idea, both John and I would be against it and agree completely with Bill's sentiments and statement. To get people to go rover and activate shires, there has to some incentive for them (a separate rover category to win), other than sitting in their comfy shacks at home with greater operating potential (aerials and amps).
Also on the Monday late afternoon / evening after the contest we will operate from Inverell Shire IS2, probably 40 & 80.
Cheers Catherine VK4GH & John VK4IO

508. Re: [vkshires] Re: Rover and Home Stations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-07 22:50:23 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 507 Message: 508

I also agree. If the rover wasn't a separate category then I would have stayed home and stay in comfort.

But with the separate rover category I went to all the trouble of operating VK5HRT in the countryside by setting up a tent, with vertical and 60 radials and tried to survive strong winds and driving rains. Then there was the fun of spending hours packing it up in the mud and rain and driving two hours home and unpacking the muddied portable station!

73s de Craig VK8PDX (ex VK5HRT)

From: catchcryhamm <vk4gh@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Mon, 7 June, 2010 6:59:07 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Rover and Home Stations

Hi to all,
Here's hoping we have a bit better propogation this weekend than what has been the norm lately.
In regards to Trent's idea, both John and I would be against it and agree completely with Bill's sentiments and statement. To get people to go rover and activate shires, there has to some incentive for them (a separate rover category to win), other than sitting in their comfy shacks at home with greater operating potential (aerials and amps).
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509. software

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-08 00:49:42 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 509 Message: 509

Urgent to all that intend to participate in this weekends VK Shires Contest.....

Please make sure that u download the latest versions of one of the software packages as last years will not work properly because of 2 changes to shires.

regards to all and trust u all have fun.

Bill Horner, VK4FW
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511. CC4

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-08 01:30:31 UTC
From: Dale
Topic: 511 Message: 511

G'day all,

I will be on air from the Far North Queensland get-together (FNNQARG) at Cardwell over the weekend and will be activating the Cassowary Coast Regional Council CC4.
Whilst I will not actively be working the contest I am only to happy to give out contacts for CC4. There will be quite a few other hams on air from the same location,listen out for VK4WIT, VK4FNQ, VK4NET, VK4VTE, VK4FRJG plus others who will be on air in between fox-hunting, playing cricket, buying all sorts of good junk at the boot sales and of course socialising and just plain chillin out Hi Hi.

73 & Good luck to all

Dale VK4DMC

512. Re: CC4

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-08 07:32:39 UTC
From: weiry6660
Topic: 511 Message: 512

It should be a great weekend as per last year, I'm not in a rare contact area IP4 (Ipswich) but look forward to exspanding my Log Book. Just another thing I'll be mentioning that I'm also a WIA member to go towards the VK100WIA Cert.
Cheers and look forward to the contacts.
Paul VK4FPDW

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Dale" <vk4dmc@...> wrote:
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> Dale VK4DMC
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513. Re: [vkshires] Re: CC4

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-08 07:47:25 UTC
From: Mark Cederblad
Topic: 511 Message: 513

Hey Weiry,
Good to hear that you'll be on board so look forward to working you! Robert, VK2ZWZ and I will be Rover from SS2 thru MK2, UH2 and 3 other shires (I haven't found their names yet) on the way back.

Good luck all

Mark, VK4ADX/2

From: weiry6660 <weiry66@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, 8 June, 2010 5:32:39 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: CC4

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514. Re: CC4

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-09 10:34:03 UTC
From: weiry6660
Topic: 511 Message: 514

Hey Ceders will be also nice to add you to the Log.....mate not a praying type of person but hope the man upstairs helps out with the propagation.... I'd be lucky to get Brisbane from here on HF at the moment and I'm 25ks out... the SE QLD Black Hole.

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515. Re: VK SHIRES 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-09 11:49:53 UTC
From: weiry6660
Topic: 474 Message: 515

Just for curiosity will anybody be using 15-10m??? or for that fact anything other than 40-80m.

Cheers Paul.

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>
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516. RE: [vkshires] Re: VK SHIRES 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-09 12:28:14 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 474 Message: 516
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Paul! 40-80 m doesn't get me real far - so yes, I will be on 20m and can do 15m no worries - all advice/guidance welcome!

lyn Vk4SWE

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of weiry6660
Sent: Wednesday, 9 June 2010 9:50 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: VK SHIRES 2010

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518. Re: VK SHIRES 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-09 21:40:48 UTC
From: al_mcdivitt
Topic: 474 Message: 518

Hi Paul
Will be on from LV4 and watching all the bands
GL hope to work you
73 Al VK4BL

519. Re: [vkshires] Re: VK SHIRES 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-09 22:52:19 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 474 Message: 519

G'Day Paul

Yes I'll will definitely be giving 15m and 10m a go on the Sunday morning and around lunchtime switching back and forth between beaming to JA and down to the south east to most of VK.

40m doesn't open up here until around 0800 UTC so from 0600-0800'ish and 2200 onwards I'll be on 20 and checking out 15/10.

73s Craig VK8PDX Alice Springs AS8

From: weiry6660 <weiry66@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, 9 June, 2010 9:19:53 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: VK SHIRES 2010

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> II. Objectives: The objectives of this contest are for amateurs
> around the world to contact as many VK shires as possible in the contest period.
> IE. VK amateurs are to work the world including VK, whilst the rest of the world
> can only work VK
>
> III.
>
> A) Bands:. 80 Metres 3.500 - 3.700 MHz, 40 Metres 7.000 -
> 7.250 MHz, 20 Metres 14.000 - 14.250 MHz, 15 Metres 21.000 - 21.350 MHz, 10
> Metres 28.000 - 28.600 MHz. Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted.
>
> B) Modes: SSB and CW only
>
> This year the supporting loggers are:
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>
> VKCL http://web.aanet.com.au/mnds/
>
> W3KM http://www.qsl.net/w3km/gen_log.htm
>
> CQTESTWIN -japanese language logger
>
> SUPER DUPER - http://www.ei5di.com/
>
> Please make use of our software supporters packages..
>
> Regards
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> Trent VK4TI
> Bill VK4FW
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520. Weekend Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-09 23:11:04 UTC
From: peterblackadder
Topic: 520 Message: 520

Hello All

Was going to go rover this weekend but have been struck down with the dreaded lurgey and am recovering.
Will still be active from PC8.

Regards
Peter
VK8HPB Palmerston

521. 2010 contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-10 01:10:37 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 463 Message: 521

I am seeing some discussion re what bands should I be on etc.....

If we all intend to turn this contest into a major one with maximum participation then we must work all bands possible. basically yes you need to get the various vk shires that are active and as we all know 80m around most of VK is easy. But what you really have to do is make the most of all openings on the likes of 10, 15 and 20 when the bands are open to other parts of VK from where you live all the while working as many dx as is possible. This contest has received enormous publicity in USA and JA in particular so I am expecting plenty of them on air and they will only participate if they can work plenty of VKs.

Have fun ye all

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522. Re: 2010 contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-10 12:22:46 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 463 Message: 522

Yes I would strongly urge everyone to at least cast an eye on 10-15 and especially 20m and put out a few calls. I don't have good coverage of 10m myself but good enough on all the others and will be making sure I check them all.

20m can have some decent openings into most states at times as I expect most would know so don't just focus on 80 & 40m!

Looking forward to exchanging with you over the weekend :)
Dave
VK3LDR

523. Re: We are in the NEWS !!!!!

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-10 12:24:33 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 504 Message: 523

I also posted some links in across three Facebook (*groan*) groups and also a group on the Linked.com professional networking site. Hopefully this might held spread the word a little as well.

524. Re: [vkshires] Re: We are in the NEWS !!!!!

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-11 02:12:48 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 504 Message: 524

WELL DONE
Have a great time in the contest.....

--- On Thu, 10/6/10, vk3ldr <vk3ldr@...> wrote:

From: vk3ldr <vk3ldr@...>
Subject: [vkshires] Re: We are in the NEWS !!!!!
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Received: Thursday, 10 June, 2010, 10:24 PM

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525. Rover shires to be covered by VK4ADX/2

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-11 10:45:56 UTC
From: vk4adx
Topic: 525 Message: 525

Evening team,
We are planning to cover SS2, MK2, WE2, WL2, DU2, MW2 and UH2 on the weekend. We look forward to working as many as possible and will listen out as best we can.

Cheers, Mark - VK4ADX/2

526. Over for another year

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-14 09:09:51 UTC
From: weiry6660
Topic: 526 Message: 526

Well its over for this year, very quite at my end IP4 (Ipswich) I exspanded the Log with 38 more callsigns and thanks to AL (NH7O) zone 31. Another good part of the contest, 1x VK100WIA and 11x WIA members, so the 100yr certificate is nearly in sight.
Hope everyone had fun; I did while the propagation was in my favour, till next time.
Regards Paul VK4FPDW

527. LOGS RECEIVED FOR 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-14 21:50:21 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 527 Message: 527

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528. Re: [vkshires] LOGS RECEIVED FOR 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-15 03:21:01 UTC
From: ARASU MANOHAR
Topic: 527 Message: 528

Though I was very much QRV to work VKs, believe me, did not hear any on 21,28, and 14 MHz in the contest period. With very heavy QRN, could not log on 7 MHz. The second VK shires Contest is in History without VU2UR's log. Hi.

vy 73, Namaste
de Arasu VU2UR

--- On Tue, 15/6/10, vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com <vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com <vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [vkshires] LOGS RECEIVED FOR 2010
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tuesday, 15 June, 2010, 3:20 AM

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529. Re: [vkshires] LOGS RECEIVED FOR 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-15 07:55:37 UTC
From: Mark Cederblad
Topic: 527 Message: 529

Hi good Sir,
I think you have recorded me as VK2ADX, when my callsign is actualy VK4ADX. I operated portable/mobile as a rover in VK2.

Regards, Mark-VK4ADX/2

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531. Re: LOGS RECEIVED FOR 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-15 11:23:46 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 527 Message: 531

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532. STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-15 21:28:37 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 532 Message: 532

When we started VK Shires - we looked at what sort
of rules would give us a good all round contest and one of the glaring problems
was that the poor old software developer had all sorts of problems with
variations of scoring wit hthe differnt VK contests..

The Oceania DX contest is VERY similar to the WPX
and from a programming perspectivie not that different..

When I have gone over the WIA and associated VK
contests especially the VHF UHF contests I am seeing a huge variation and wonder
if what is needed is a project to pull all these rules into line not unlike the
ARRL.

http://www.arrl.org/general-rules-for-all-arrl-contests

Which starts off with two contradicting points but
who is counting :-)

What I am proposing is that we formulate a set of
General rules for all VK contests - for submission to the WIA Contest
team..

From this we then all have a good understanding of
what is expected in all contests from VK...

Some of the anomalies are :

Multiple contact rules - when can you make a second
contact ? In banks or timed after last contact..

Bands usage - there are non contestors out
there......apparently

Use of packet/internet spotting or on VHF UHF VK
Logger if it is Kosher - VHF UHF contests seem to run self spotting to new
heights - JA contests now allow Internet spotting (still no self
spotting)

I am sure if we start a list of the variations that
irk us then we can move forward to working with all the contest particaipants
especially the software writers to create uselful tools such as a WIA Contest
robot for emailing logs (as per ARRL) and of course a common log checker
system....

Regards

Trent VK4TI

CC WIA contest Managers , VK shires, VK Contest
Club, Oceania DX group, Oceania DX contest Yahoo,

533. Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-17 05:47:30 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 532 Message: 533

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-17 07:27:09 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 532 Message: 535

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From: vk3ldr
Topic: 532 Message: 536

I had considered that EXACT idea myself during the contest. I used to have a dipole up at the inlaws and they don't mind me setting up to contest from there QTH, it's over in another shire...

They do have a local noise source that appears in 2008 though so I took all the antennas down, the noise source appears to be from a neighbour 2 doors down which almost renders HF useless. I could re-attempt again to see if the noise is still there and maybe use a vertical, as they chopped a few trees down of late so there goes my dipole hanging points.

However, if you know someone that is not going to be around, or doesn't have time to be on air, then why not? Operate a friends station and activate another shire. Or show another operator the contest in action, you operating there station in front of them.

One thing though, calling CQ Contest does not do justice in this scenario. People who are not familiar with the rules etc. or aren't aware your roving wont know you've changed shires... so calling CQ contest would be more like "CQ Contest from shire xxx" so people then know whether they can answer your call... or of course you search and pounce.

oops time to head home :)

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Bill - Like many you are not understanding the very concept - NOT standardisation of RULES of Contests - man that would be boring BUT...standard underlying rules and definitions... eg what is a VK Low power , what is a rover, what is a grid..for example and why I put in the link to the USA ARRL site...
Both the ARRL and RSGB have standard rules for all contests..ie if you are portable this is the definition.....blah blah blah
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VK4TI

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To me, I like to be busy exchanging with people throughout the contest... 30 to 60 contacts per hour is far more preferrably, 60 to 90 is getting paced and once you're in the 120+ range you're certainly busy enough with very little chance to get bored.

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"I like to talk" in this hobby. That's why I finally signed up in 07 and got on air. I'm not much of an antenna builder or experimenter, I don't enjoy spending hours upon hours building, tinkering and experimenting... I like to get on air and be on air and chat to people, meet new people and catch up with those I haven't speaken to so recently. I'm not necessarily a "rag chewer", I don't generally get on just for the sake of passing time waffling away on air and I try to not stick to a particular clicky group.

If we can double, triple or multiply the number of on air participants even more in the contests then yes, that would go a good way in solving the issue of lack of contacts and getting "genuine" activity. However, I think trying to focus on getting more people on air for contests is going to be VERY difficult. Perhaps we need to start a campaign, *NOW*, through the next 12 months to see if we can get as many people into it as possible.

Anyhow, I'm supposed to be working now, not writing mini essay group posts. :) Discussing all these things as an open forum needs to happen and we all need to talk through our thoughts and feelings on the whole thing. I never presume any authority over what anyone else has to say, and I'm not saying what you said Bill is wrong at all and I'm quite happy to think about and talk through your thoughts.... I just found your post a bit heavy handed and not so conducive to follow up dialogue.

Cheers,
Dave

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> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 9:15 PM
> Subject: [vkshires] Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES
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> Well all I have left to say is that was one hell of a brutally overboard outburst Bill. I should have eaten a mouth full of cement and hardened up before reading that....
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543. SUMMER SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-17 23:48:43 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 543 Message: 543

Thought that would grab interest....a second one in the warm months...January 26th Australia Day in line with public holiday every year...
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545. Re: [vkshires] SUMMER SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-17 23:57:18 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 543 Message: 545

G'day Trent

Good idea.....but can we name it the Monsoon Shires for us up north cause that's when we are usually getting our ass blown away..... LOL

73

Peter

From: VK4TI <vk4ti@yahoo.com>
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546. Re: [vkshires] SUMMER SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-18 00:25:33 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 543 Message: 546

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From: VK4TI
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From: vk3ldr
Topic: 543 Message: 548

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-18 01:22:25 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 543 Message: 549

So how about a time limited category ??
6 hours out of the possible 24 but must be in one hour blocks ?? Would cater for the OT types that find it hard to run a contest for 24 hours...
AND STILL NO Duplicate contacts
After all the ACMA grants us use of the AX prefix but not that many use it....

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From: vk3ldr <vk3ldr@...>
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To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Received: Friday, 18 June, 2010, 10:57 AM

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550. Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-18 01:50:19 UTC
From: Andrew
Topic: 532 Message: 550

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Andrew VK4HAM

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> Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 3:46 PM
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> At the end of the day the contest will only be as successful as we all make it. If people continue to go portable as Rover Stations and activate rarer shires then it will continue to generate more and more operators. The other thing that VK ops need to be aware of is that they must promote the contest to the overseas ops by making sure they are active on the standard dx bands.
> This year unfortunately some of the keen ops simply coould not participate in the contest

because of work or business committments. .... this alone has probably had only little effect on the contest but I have already seen new logs arrive according to Trents list that did not participate last year.
> Yes there may be a case to tweak an odd rule to maybe encourage more VKs to get on the dx bands and work overseas stations but there is simply no case in my view to start a back ward trend by having repeat contacts just to suppossedly prop up the numbers..... ... it is simply a falsehood and I am dead against it.
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> As for a standardisation of basic rules..... ... well for that to happen there are an awful lot of contest managers that need to do an enormous amount of soul searching before they can even lay in the same bed let alone be in the same house..... I just can not see it. History again speaks for itself..... .. I am sure that if I was to dig up some old sets of various contest rules and also log results/ numbers etc then many of you would shudder and I would defy anyone to show me different.
> If you all think I am trying to burst the bubble , then so be it but facts are facts and nearly all contests in VK have slowly been stuffed up by the multitude who seem hell bent in just seeing their collective name in print without much consultation with the actual contesters.
> I will remind you all that many hours of time was spent working out the rules for the VK Shires Contest with many hours of consultation with many conesters throughout Australia and I beleive the current rules are at worst 95% spot on.
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> BUT We do have repeat contacts in the VK Shires and its part of the contest we all want and one of the rule changes we may need to explore
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> You can repeat contacts if you are a Rover.....
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> What if we slightly tweaked the rules to -
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> Rover can operate from pre-installed antennas -
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> So people could say operate from home and then go mobile to ANOTHER Shire and possibly even another shire..and then come on again from home ???
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> At the end of the day we want as many shires activated as possible...
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> There is NO requirement to use alternative power so what if we dropped the section that makes it similar to the JMFD and allow rovers to use existing sites..
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> The extreme example would be an operator going to several mates places and using their stations.... BUT it still activates more Shires and that is what we are trying to achieve..... ..
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> --- In vkshires@yahoogroup s.com, "vk3ldr" <vk3ldr@> wrote:
> >
> > Hi Trent,
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> > I agree a background standardised set of underlying rules should probably be adopted, but we need to be careful to ensure each contest is still unique and holds its own significance, otherwise if they all become the same, I feel people will be less likely to participate because they'll get bored or see it as just another of the same thing. I haven't read through the whole ARRL page as it's quite long, but the impression I get is that it's a framework of rules.
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> > The Multiple contact, to me, is a feature of the contest. I don't think every contest should standardise this particular componenet. I think it provides variety to leave some as timed after last contact, and others in banks. I personally prefer repeat contacts after a time period, this if permitted in VK Shires would promote more on air activity I think. However, as you're stating, if this were to be considered, should it be in hour blocks, if so what size? Should it be in timed after last contact, if so, how long? RD is 2 hours timed after last contact, JMNFD is 3 hour blocks and I think the WIA Field days are 3 hours timed. I particularly like the RD format to be honest, but I'm not so sure this would apply as well to the VK Shires but would definately generate a lot more activity. (Sorry, I digress off the primary topic a bit there..)
> >
> > Band usage - political. To be blunt "non contestors" must accept the fact that people get on the bands and contest, it's a feature of the hobby just like any other feature - simple as that - it must be accepted. Sure contestors should NOT over ride the whole band though so should be restricted to certain areas within the band to give everyone fair equitable use. However, in my contesting experience, we don't tend to over run an entire band and prevent people from having general use, skeds, nets etc. If there's a net on or a sked, kindly request the contestor to QSY... People need to remember there are only around 15,000 licenced amateurs across the whole country (I think that's the right number) and out of that I personally feel a small percentage active on air at the same time so I don't think there's a huge issue or danger of "crowding" and "disrupting" the bands for the sake of a contest. The most time you ever hear anyone is - during a contest!!!!! ! We're just making proper utilisation of the air space (or spectrum space) given to us, the rest of the time all you hear is QRM & QRN...
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> > That's my 4c worth, what about some other views / thoughts on the matters around contesting?

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-18 03:10:40 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 532 Message: 551

Dunno about that Andrew,
Last year in the WPX VK and ZL were in the top three 40M Single band placings...
VK2WU did win contests CQ WW and WPX from VK - I seriously think we (the current crop) have yet to put a station on air in VK that can match the opposition world wide..ignore the location excuse...
NAME one HF stacked array on the east coast - Excellent you named VK3MO now name a second and someone who might actually contest ??
ZIPPO...
answers the argument....the stations don't exist within VK that could compete on a world wide basis...
From a USA or EU perspective VK4KW and VK6NC are very mediocre players and they are putting in very reasonable scores..
VK6NC will always run up against the soil type problems and height restrictions will always limit VK4KW - I am hoping VK3HF can get going with their systems to prove you wrong but I think they are too far south at this part of the cycle..in three years they should be a serious player..

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> ----- Original Message -----

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> To: vkshires@yahoogroup s.com

> Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 4:28 PM

> Subject: [vkshires] Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

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> You can repeat contacts if you are a Rover.....

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552. Worked all Queensland Shires Award.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-18 03:13:59 UTC
From: Dale
Topic: 552 Message: 552

G'day all,

In a recent post Bill, VK4FW said "the only current shires style contest other than this one is the Jack Files Contest"
Not so, the Worked all Queensland Shires is still active. This award has been running for well over 30 years. Check out http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waqsa/

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Dale VK4DMC

553. Re: [vkshires] Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-18 03:19:16 UTC
From: Martin Luther
Topic: 532 Message: 553

Hi all,

My first contribution here.

I did enjoy playing mobile in this last VKshires contest. I wasn't sure how to deal with the contacts made from home the day before so counted them as a check log.Next time I will concentrate on mobile.

Like Bill I am not a fan of repeating contacts on a time basis on HF. I think it has a role in VHF contesting but on Hf where we can change bands to find new Q's I don't really like it.

In VKshires the rover category provides for availability of new contacts but there needs to be more rovers and perhaps they need to operate on the recognised freq's so that the keen fixed stations know where to look for the mobile/portable/station.

I think that perhaps the exisiting rules cover this but maybe it needs to be clearer. Can you incorporate some activity from the home station in a rover log
e.g this year I had a few Q's on Sat evening from home then sunday went out and activated three other shires in VK7, can this be in one log even though the home station stuff was on a different rig/ant etc???

Martin VK7GN

p.s. you can make a mark contesting from VK, you do it by gaining the respect of the international contesting community. They know it is VERY hard to get in top ten in CQWW etc. from these remote locations but respect true efforts.

554. Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-18 04:35:05 UTC
From: steve c
Topic: 532 Message: 554

Hi All,

Interestinmg comments, from all.

Like most others, I think a first place in the single op, all bands of the WPX or CQWW is if not impossible, very unlikely in the near future! In the Multi/Multi against K3LR, D4C etc, I dont have enough money to even dream of competing!!

As I said earlier, I still think we can, and as pointed out by others, compete in single band sections. 10 meters is a great band for this, 40 meters has already proved good for a few! At a sunspot maximum we might even have an advantage on 10m JA to the north, W land to the east & Europe to the West! and us in the middle just a few hops away!

As Trent points out we do not yet have any super stations in VK, but stations with stacked Yagis are on the drawing board. VK6NC plans stacks on 10 & 15 meters, the 20 & 40 meter antenna's are going higher! still not a super station though. If we end up the good stations in VK4, VK3 & VK6 (What about VK2 ??), our own internal competion will push up the world rankings!

Ok
Enough from me!

Best Wishes
Steve
VK6IR

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-18 05:04:41 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 532 Message: 557

Yep to avoid KRUDD...

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You know KRUDD on 160 80 and 40M ....

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Andrew Munson (VK4HAM)" <vk4ham@...> wrote:
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> > morning because there was so little activity! I lost 10 hours out of the 24.
> > There was of course a M class solar flare, this knocked out the bands for a
> > time.
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> > > I find that most of the members of this forum are the same as the VKCC

> > forum, We have a very small pool of contesters in Australia, I think the
> > question that we should be asking is how do we get more interest from VK
> > hams in contesting in general? not how do we change the rules!! if we had 2
> > or 3 times more activity the contests would become more interesting, we
> > could then tweek them!
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> > > Another interesting thought, I notice that the big names in contesting do
> > very well in the contests regardless of what the rules are, they adapt to
> > the format and only time tells which contests will become popular.
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> > > I suppose the summary of my thoughts is - lets get more hams involved,
> > the contests will look after themselves!
> > >
> > > I can see a very bright future for VK contesting, I the past 12 months
> > there have been some very interesting developments, some big scores in the
> > Oceania contest (VK4KW, VK6NC & VK6IR in the ssb). Another outstanding score
> > was submitted in the CQWW CW contest by VK6AA (VK2IA) the results have not
> > been released yet, but the score will rank amongest the best in the world.
> > Some of the new blood have submitted some great scores, and even an old
> > timer (me) has got off his bum and put in a few scores. This is just a
> > sample of the great success of the last 12 months
> > >
> > > My interest in contesting was formed in the late 70's and early 80's, and
> > a comment I kept hearing was "VK hams will never do well on the world stage
> > because of our location!, I heard this comment again last year! THIS IS
> > BULLSHIT! With the continued development of the NCRG contest station, and
> > Phil VK4KW is not sitting still, Bill VK4ZD is slowly getting his station
> > off the ground, and of course the VK3 boys have got big plans, just to name
> > a few, the way forward is clear.
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> > > Lets get this hobby of contesting (Radio Sports) in front of the Ham
> > population in general.
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> > > I would like to thank the organisers of this contest, and all other VK
> > contests for there efforts, without them we would have no contesting !!!
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> > > Regards All
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> > > Steve
> > > VK6IR
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> > > ----- Original Message -----
> > > From: vk4ti@
> > > To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com<http://mc/compose?to=vkshires%40yahoogroups.com>
> > > Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 3:46 PM
> > > Subject: Re: [vkshires] Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES
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> > > ""As for a standardisation of basic rules..... ... well for that to
> > happen there are an awful lot of contest managers """
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> > >
> > > Bill - Like many you are not understanding the very concept - NOT
> > standardisation of RULES of Contests - man that would be boring
> > BUT...standard underlying rules and definitions...
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> > > eg what is a VK Low power , what is a rover, what is a grid..for example
> > and why I put in the link to the USA ARRL site...
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> > >
> > > Both the ARRL and RSGB have standard rules for all contests..ie if you
> > are portable this is the definition.....blah blah blah
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> > > I will never agree to repeat contacts as I said before its already in the
> > rules....you enter the ROVER category if you want repeat contacts....
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> > > VK4TI
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> > > --- On Thu, 17/6/10, Bill Horner VK4FW <vk4fw@> wrote:
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> > > To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com<http://mc/compose?to=vkshires%40yahoogroups.com>
> > > Received: Thursday, 17 June, 2010, 5:27 PM
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> > >
> > > Repeat contacts in all current VK contests were put in place by narrow
> > minded contest managers trying to stimulate activity especially while the
> > sunspot numbers have been down.
> > > Repeat contacts to me do nil to stimulate anything especially more blood.
> > To me repeat contacts in any contest from the same qth to the same qth do
> > little to giva a contest credibility, rather it tells me that people (like

> > me) have found some contests to be rather narrow minded and boring and
> > hence I just could not bother to play.
> > > If we look at why this contest was in fact started and its no
> > secret..... .. the only current shires style contest other than this one is
> > the Jack Files Contest. because jack Files was in fact a major supporter and
> > worker on the what was then the VK4 division of the WIA the then board
> > decided to have a contest in his honour..... .. and for me I believe it was
> > a good thing to do. I personally hold the record for the most points ever
> > gotten in the contest. when the WIA became one organisation as it is today
> > the Jack files Contest should haave immediately been made into a national
> > shires contest. this was not to be and I personally beleive was a major
> > mistake by the contest committee for not making it happen, so the current VK
> > Shires Contest was borne.
> > > At the end of the day the contest will only be as successful as we all
> > make it. If people continue to go portable as Rover Stations and activate
> > rarer shires then it will continue to generate more and more operators. The
> > other thing that VK ops need to be aware of is that they must promote the
> > contest to the overseas ops by making sure they are active on the standard
> > dx bands.
> > > This year unfortunately some of the keen ops simply coould not
> > participate in the contest because of work or business committments. ....
> > this alone has probably had only little effect on the contest but I have
> > already seen new logs arrive according to Trents list that did not
> > participate last year.
> > > Yes there may be a case to tweak an odd rule to maybe encourage more VKs
> > to get on the dx bands and work overseas stations but there is simply no
> > case in my view to start a back ward trend by having repeat contacts just to
> > suppossedly prop up the numbers..... ... it is simply a falsehood and I am
> > dead against it.
> > >
> > > As for a standardisation of basic rules..... ... well for that to
> > happen there are an awful lot of contest managers that need to do an
> > enormous amount of soul searching before they can even lay in the same bed
> > let alone be in the same house..... I just can not see it. History again
> > speaks for itself..... .. I am sure that if I was to dig up some old sets
> > of various contest rules and also log results/ numbers etc then many of you
> > would shudder and I would defy anyone to show me different.
> > > If you all think I am trying to burst the bubble , then so be it but
> > facts are facts and nearly all contests in VK have slowly been stuffed up by
> > the multitude who seem hell bent in just seeing their collective name in
> > print without much consultation with the actual contesters.
> > > I will remind you all that many hours of time was spent working out the
> > rules for the VK Shires Contest with many hours of consultation with many
> > conesters throughout Australia and I beleive the current rules are at worst
> > 95% spot on.
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> > > Bill Horner, VK4FW

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> > > From: VK4TI
> > > To: vkshires@yahoogroup s.com
> > > Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 4:28 PM
> > > Subject: [vkshires] Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES
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> > > "I personally prefer repeat contacts after a time period, this if
> > permitted in VK Shires would promote more on air activity I think."
> > >
> > > BUT We do have repeat contacts in the VK Shires and its part of the
> > contest we all want and one of the rule changes we may need to explore
> > >
> > > You can repeat contacts if you are a Rover.......
> > >
> > > What if we slightly tweaked the rules to -
> > >
> > > Rover can operate from pre-installed antennas -
> > >
> > > So people could say operate from home and then go mobile to ANOTHER Shire
> > and possibly even another shire..and then come on again from home ???
> > >
> > > At the end of the day we want as many shires activated as possible...
> > >
> > > There is NO requirement to use alternative power so what if we dropped
> > the section that makes it similar to the JMFD and allow rovers to use
> > existing sites..
> > >
> > > The extreme example would be an operator going to several mates places
> > and using their stations.... BUT it still activates more Shires and that is
> > what we are trying to achieve..... ..
> > >
> > > --- In vkshires@yahoogroup s.com, "vk3ldr" <vk3ldr@> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > Hi Trent,
> > > >
> > > > I agree a background standardised set of underlying rules should
> > probably be adopted, but we need to be careful to ensure each contest is
> > still unique and holds its own significance, otherwise if they all become
> > the same, I feel people will be less likely to participate because they'll
> > get bored or see it as just another of the same thing. I haven't read
> > through the whole ARRL page as it's quite long, but the impression I get is
> > that it's a framework of rules.
> > > >

> > > > The Multiple contact, to me, is a feature of the contest. I don't think
> > every contest should standardise this particular componenet. I think it
> > provides variety to leave some as timed after last contact, and others in
> > banks. I personally prefer repeat contacts after a time period, this if
> > permitted in VK Shires would promote more on air activity I think. However,
> > as you're stating, if this were to be considered, should it be in hour
> > blocks, if so what size? Should it be in timed after last contact, if so,
> > how long? RD is 2 hours timed after last contact, JMNFD is 3 hour blocks and
> > I think the WIA Field days are 3 hours timed. I particularly like the RD
> > format to be honest, but I'm not so sure this would apply as well to the VK
> > Shires but would definately generate a lot more activity. (Sorry, I digress
> > off the primary topic a bit there..)
> > > >
> > > > Band usage - political. To be blunt "non contestors" must accept the
> > fact that people get on the bands and contest, it's a feature of the hobby
> > just like any other feature - simple as that - it must be accepted. Sure
> > contestors should NOT over ride the whole band though so should be
> > restricted to certain areas within the band to give everyone fair equitable
> > use. However, in my contesting experience, we don't tend to over run an
> > entire band and prevent people from having general use, skeds, nets etc. If
> > there's a net on or a sked, kindly request the contestor to QSY... People
> > need to remember there are only around 15,000 licenced amateurs across the
> > whole country (I think that's the right number) and out of that I personally
> > feel a small percentage active on air at the same time so I don't think
> > there's a huge issue or danger of "crowding" and "disrupting" the bands for
> > the sake of a contest. The most time you ever hear anyone is - during a
> > contest!!!!! ! We're just making proper utilisation of the air space (or
> > spectrum space) given to us, the rest of the time all you hear is QRM &
> > QRN...
> > > >
> > > > That's my 4c worth, what about some other views / thoughts on the
> > matters around contesting?
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> Web: www.vk4ham.webs.com
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558. Re: [vkshires] Worked all Queensland Shires Award.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-18 06:34:05 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 552 Message: 558

The worked all Qld Shires is an award not a contest.....
The Jack Files Contest over the years has been a reasonable gatherer for new shires to likely appear..... these days does not happen.....

I am not going to get into a bum fight over Jack Files and VK Shires..... at the end of the day the Contest Committee were not interested in making the Jack Files Contest a national event so we all got togethere and started what we now have that being the VK Shires Contest.

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----- Original Message -----
From: Dale
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 1:13 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Worked all Queensland Shires Award.

G'day all,

In a recent post Bill, VK4FW said "the only current shires style contest other than this one is the Jack Files Contest"
Not so, the Worked all Queensland Shires is still active. This award has been running for well over 30 years. Check out http://groups.yahoo.com/group/waqsa/

73

Dale VK4DMC

560. Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 02:39:40 UTC
From: vk2aea
Topic: 532 Message: 560

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Cheers

Vlad - VK2IM

561. Re: [vkshires] Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 02:44:07 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 532 Message: 561

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From: vk2aea
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Sent: Saturday, June 19, 2010 12:39 PM
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562. Re: Changes to rules for VK Shires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 02:59:38 UTC
From: Mark Cederblad
Topic: 562 Message: 562

Trent (VK4TI),
Further to our phone conversation, the idea of clarifying the definition of a ROVER station (and the other station types), maybe in fact required. The one thing the rules lack is detail, but then again it does make it simple and you don't need a lawyer in the shack to help you understand the rules.

I believe under the current rules as they now stand, a ROVER station is one that operates away from their home loc (as indicated on their licence documentation). Therefore, a station operating from it's designated operating address should be classed as a FIXED station. A ROVER station should be one that either operates from a very rare shire area, or from a mobile/portable sense where the station transits two (2) or more shire areas and operates from a shire other than it's own. Just how they go about achieving that, is up to them (if they wish to drive up the road or run down the paddock to the shire boundry with a hand-held, it's up to them).

The VK shires contest is a unique one with a unique set of rules, in much the same way as the other VK contests do. I don't beleive wholesale changes are warranted; just some very minor tweaks. The last thing I think you should do is change it all so it's just another contest where we try for as many QSOs as possible in a given time frame. If that was the case, call CQ on 15 metres and work pile-up after pile-up of JA's.

This is the VK Shires contest; it's about working as many (different) shires within VK, as often as you can, on different bands and modes. It's not about working the US, EU or JA. If you want to do that, enter the WPX! It's also about working to the given conditions. Flare or no flare- it's all part of the marvelous fabric of our chosen hobby and no-one I've met has the ability to change the ionosphere (ref to Kings and tides - HIHI).

As to a VK Shires-Summer Series, let's call it something different and use all bands and modes less repeater/retrans stations.

Regards, Mark - VK4ADX/2

563. Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 03:29:42 UTC
From: vk2aea
Topic: 532 Message: 563

Bill,

msg #268 on this forum:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/message/268

msg #5745 on VKCC forum:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkcc/message/5745

Vlad

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564. Re: [vkshires] Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 03:34:17 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 532 Message: 564

I have read the message on vk shires but can not do so with vkcc.

cheers

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565. Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 04:10:17 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 532 Message: 565

Hi Bill,

I have read both..

Vlad sent two messages one to VKCC and one to VK Shires..

In the email to VK Shires he complained there were too many multipliers and in the one to VKCC he wanted us to increase the multipliers to DXCC rather than zones..

Vlad also requested double score for CW contacts ..this was pointed out that it did exist as CW was able to be contacted as a new multiplier...

We are sorting out the rules, Vlad, while its fresh in every bodies mind what is needed..While you may have differing opinions; we need it to suit both the majority of the competitors and also to encourage new activity..

Major rule changes means rewriting of software and as such we need to address this with our software supporters as early as possible...

Trent VK4TI

Excerpts from Vlads emails for those who don't subscribe to VKCC

Points to consider:

1.Too many VK multipliers. Each VK shire should be counted only once per contest (same as in CQ WPX). That would give some 2-3 QSO's per multiplier which might stimulate bit of multiplier chase.
2.Not enough DX multipliers. Many countries organize this style of shire/district/county/oblast/okres/etc contest. I believe only LZ-DX is using 75 ITU Zones as mults. Most of the world is using DXCC (RDX, PACC, ARRL, JARL, UBA, ARI, etc) and some WPX (OK-OM). I think the multipliers should be either CQ Zones + DXCC or WPX. 40 CQ Zones is not enough to bother about...
3.To stimulate DXing from VKs there should be more point for different continents. Say, VK and ZL 1 point and different continents: high bands DX 3 points, low bands DX 5 points.
4.To keep the pace up, the contest should be divided into 6 x 4-hour or 8 x 3-hour blocks and ONLY VK-VK contact can be repeated. Not VK-DX. VK-DX only once per band/mode/contest.

73's
Vlad

BTW, I was hoping to see the rule changed that the exchange for DX would be serial number - most of the DX were quite happy to give me 001. As well the mults should be DXCC rather then zones. There is only 40 zones compared to hundreds of shires. Once one work zone 14,15,16 and 20 then there is not much sense to work any more EU. It might be more

productive to go back on 80 and try to pick up new shire... The last think what we were talking about some time ago were the repeated contacts for VK-VK (not VK-DX) as common in other domestic contests - in 8x3 or 6x4 or 4x6 hours blocks. That's makes the bands much more buzzing...

maybe next year...

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566. Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 08:12:16 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 532 Message: 566

I'm afraid I am a bit thick and need some help, in more ways than one.

I did not participate this year but certainly hope to again in the future.

Now , in relation to mults in the first contest.....I did not find that were too many as I fell quite short of my initial target. The bit I cannot fathom is that if there are too many mults as mentioned why would you want to work repeat stations? Besides we already have local contests that take care of that facet quite adequately.

DXCC mults instead of Zones, sounds good from a VK perspective, creates more mults though, TIC.

I honestly thought the current format was quite good as it gave stations outside of VK a chance of taking out 1st place, maybe remote but it could be done from Malaysia, Guam, ZL etc. if there was enough mults to be found. Somehow I don't think that is going to happen as we just don't have the numbers for it to stack up. Take a look at the amount of entries.

I'm confident it will survive but will it grow? The only way it will grow is to somehow have the entries increased and if that cannot be achieved here in VK, then we have to come up with an incentive to increase overseas entries......nope, I don't have the answer but there are plenty out there with the smarts to do so.

Remember, each contest has its rules and it makes no difference what we think of them, it's how you apply your strategies that counts toward the end result.

Just MHO and 2 bobs worth.

Cya

Laurie

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> In the email to VK Shires he complained there were too many multipliers and in the one to VKCC he wanted us to increase the multipliers to DXCC rather than zones..
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> Vlad also requested double score for CW contacts ..this was pointed out that it did exist as CW was able to be contacted as a new multiplier...
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> We are sorting out the rules, Vlad, while its fresh in every bodies mind what is needed..While you may have differing opinions; we need it to suit both the majority of the

competitors and also to encourage new activity..
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> Major rule changes means rewriting of software and as such we need to address this with our software supporters as early as possible...
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> Trent VK4TI
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> Excerpts from Vlads emails for those who don't subscribe to VKCC
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> Points to consider:
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> 1.Too many VK multipliers. Each VK shire should be counted only once
> per contest (same as in CQ WPX). That would give some 2-3 QSO's per
> multiplier which might stimulate bit of multiplier chase.
> 2.Not enough DX multipliers. Many countries organize this style of
> shire/district/county/oblast/okres/etc contest. I believe only LZ-DX is
> using 75 ITU Zones as mults. Most of the world is using DXCC (RDX,
> PACC, ARRL, JARL, UBA, ARI, etc) and some WPX (OK-OM). I think the
> multipliers should be either CQ Zones + DXCC or WPX. 40 CQ Zones is not
> enough to bother about...
> 3.To stimulate DXing from VKs there should be more point for different
> continents. Say, VK and ZL 1 point and different continents: high bands
> DX 3 points, low bands DX 5 points.
> 4.To keep the pace up, the contest should be divided into 6 x 4-hour or
> 8 x 3-hour blocks and ONLY VK-VK contact can be repeated. Not VK-DX.
> VK-DX only once per band/mode/contest.
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> 73's
> Vlad
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> BTW, I was hoping to see the rule changed that the exchange for DX would be serial number - most of the DX were quite happy to give me 001. As well the mults should be DXCC rather then zones. There is only 40 zones compared to hundreds of shires. Once one work zone 14,15,16 and 20 then there is not much sense to work any more EU. It might be more productive to go back on 80 and try to pick up new shire... The last think what we were talking about some time ago were the repeated contacts for VK-VK (not VK-DX) as common in other domestic contests - in 8x3 or 6x4 or 4x6 hours blocks. That's makes the bands much more buzzing...
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> maybe next year...
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> 73
> Vlad
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> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner VK4FW" <vk4fw@> wrote:
> >
> > I have read the message on vk shires but can not do so with vkcc.
> >
> > cheers
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> > Bill Horner, VK4FW
> > PO box 612
> > Childers, 4660
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> > ph 0428877551 or 07 41266220
> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: vk2aea
> > To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> > Sent: Saturday, June 19, 2010 1:29 PM
> > Subject: [vkshires] Re: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES
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> > Bill,
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> > msg #268 on this forum:
> > http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/message/268
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> > msg #5745 on VKCC forum:
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> > Vlad
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> > > Vlad if u have something positive to add then add it..... don't beat around the bush with dribble.
> > >
> > > when this contest was developed many contesters throughout Australia gave input.... at the end of the day if changes need to happen then so be it ..... but right now what u have just emailed does nil to tell anyone of your ideas to make this contest better..... so I invite you to show the rest of us what changes you think should happen.....
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> > > Gentlemen,

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> > > Reading all these, ... actually not even reading it all, makes me wonder if I should bother submitting the log...
> > >
> > > Although I'm certain, that if the rules are going to stay same next year then I will not dedicate my weekend to this contest. Maybe few hours here and there, but nothing serious...
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> > > Cheers
> > >
> > > Vlad - VK2IM
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567. RE: STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 09:23:43 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 532 Message: 567

Hi to everybody in the group, we have been reading with interest the posts of the last week.
From our perspective, we have decided to work this competition as a portable/rover competition, so we drove for 4 hours (to activate a rarely activated shire), woke up Saturday morning with ice on the ground, spent all day setting up antennas and the station (hoping that there was a chance of DX). Catherine worked 20 hours in the competition and then spent til Monday lunch packing it all up, so we could drive for another 4 hours.
We found that the DX was very, very hard this year, with the propagation virtually non-existent, hence the hope for a livelier competition was not realised. Working VK stations with limited repeat options, can be fairly slow.
Our points would be
1. Propagation for DX was non-existent, but that is part of amateur radio. Our 40m antenna was suited to DX, and we had a hard time making contact with the close shires on this band (forgot to put up low di-poles).
2. Would have to agree with one aspect of Vlad's correspondence in that there should probably be more opportunity with multipliers working DX, in that it is a lot of work to set up a portable station for DX with the hope of involving the world in our contest, but the way the multipliers are set up, at times it seems it may not be worthwhile pursuing. E.g. 20 contacts DX could result in only one multiplier, but 20 VK contacts could well result in 15 or more multipliers.
3. We all have our own agendas. The ones with the contest stations or access to, have their agenda, we as a portable station have our agenda, and the mobile stations "roving" would have their own agenda and in any competition you will never be able to please all the different categories. Different yearly conditions will never be the same.
4. Having timed repeats can be just as boring as not enough contacts.
Some statistics as per the contest log
314 contacts
183 Shires
18 zones over 4 bands
And yes it was slow, but we still enjoyed the contest, and I am sure that I have quite a number of new shires towards my next 50 for the VK Shires Award.
Catherine VK4GH & John VK4IO

568. MAKING VK SHIRES BETTER

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 11:10:35 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 532 Message: 568

Thanks for the input Catherine and John,

Can we throw an alternative into the ring ?

We think the mults are fine as there are lots...(VK SHIRES)

What if we modified the rules to :

VK to NON VK 3 points per contact ??

This is not going to increase the multipliers and after all the contest is mainly about working and activating VK Shires...

During a normal day, forgetting solar flares.., we expect a USA, JA and EU opening...the DXCC multiplier advantages those lucky enough to have better locations - whereas increasing the points per DX QSO without changing the Multipliers should evenly increase interest..

This YAHOO Group is our sounding board for the rules of the contest - and unlike many others we do listen to what is proposed here... believe us, many of the ideas came directly from everyones feedback..

So what we need is a way to encourage DX working by VKs, without distracting from the principal of VK Shires..

Vlad's proposals were looked at favorably but we also made a commitment not to change the rules annually and not without consultation to the punters who have made this one of the more popular VK Contests..

Cheers to ALL keep that feed back coming ...

We propose to place the POTENTIAL New rules on this site in the next few weeks to gauge how everyone feels they are good bad or indifferent..

Thanks again for all your support ..

VK SHIRES

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569. Re: [vkshires] SUMMER SHIRES ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 13:21:03 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 543 Message: 569

Given the crap propagation this winter and last, I'm for addition of a Summer Shires contest. A weekend near Australia Day would be nice, or any time during Summertime will be fine.
I'll be operating a Rover station from up to four shires to add interest. And let's not complicate things too much. The contest logging programmers will tear their remaining hair and have less than I do.
73,
Luke VK3HJ

571. proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 21:59:12 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 571 Message: 571

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Reasons for changes.
1. Rover..... By definition a rover should be a portable/ mobile station that activates 2 or more shires and not someone who goes portable and activates just one shire that may be rare.
Footnote: A station that goes and operates portable from say NB4 only should in fact be under the fixed station category not a Rover category.
(eg..... VK4GH and her husband VK4IO went out of their way this year to go and set up a full blown field station in a rare shire..... currently they are competing against every other mobile shire hoping station and stand a small chance of winning anything despite the many hours it took to do what they did. If they are classed as a fixed station then it is just like operating from their home qth and as such that is the category they would be in)

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all collectively do as much as possible to make sure we make this contest one that people wish to participate in.

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Ok for now I am ready to field questions and comments.

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572. Re: [vkshires] proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 23:14:06 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 571 Message: 572

This is an interesting discussion that is going on of late. Great to see such an interchange of ideas and suggestions in a friendly, non-confrontational debate.

I think Bill's suggestion of re-defining Rover as a station that operates from two or more shires is a better definition than the existing one. There will, over time, be entrants who try to manipulate this rule to enter as a Rover by making one QSO from a second shire and then going back home to the antenna farm to build the big kick-ass score. This will be counteracted by the likes of VK4ADX/2 who work from many shires and make many, many repeat contacts.

The need for increased DX participation is acknowledged and I think that will come as the contest gets more widely known.

Perhaps the contest name needs to be changed. To a ham overseas a contest called "VK SHIRES" may suggest a VK internal contest of no interest to a non-VK ham.

Perhaps calling it the VK Shires & DX contest would be more attractive to overseas hams?

I was going to suggest VKDX as an alternate name to be similar to JI DX and ARRL DX but both these contest disallow internal contacts, ie JA - JA and W/VE - W/VE respectively. If we were to adopt a similar ruling to disallow VK - VK contacts then it would be a very quiet weekend.

As I said, an interesting discussion indeed.

73
Peter VK3ZPF
http://vk3zpf.blogspot.com/

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From: Bill Horner VK4FW
To: vk shires
Sent: Sunday, June 20, 2010 7:59 AM
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573. Re: proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-19 23:19:51 UTC
From: vk2aea
Topic: 571 Message: 573

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My 2c (0.0187538 USD).

Vlad

576. Re: proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-20 04:04:48 UTC
From: weiry6660
Topic: 571 Message: 576

Hmmmmmmm.A simple thing has opened up some discussions.
Well as I'm only an F Call and 2c has come from Advanced and Standard Calls I'll put 1c in the kitty.
Bill and the team, first up congrates for actually doing something in a world of radio that doesn't have much going on. Especially in our own back yard of VK Land. Maybe we all should be doing more?????????? Anyway my 1c has been spent.
Rules.
Not going into the VK/DX multipliers leaving that to better people than me to "nut" over.
Mobile, Portable, Fixed, hmmmm tricky one, my interpretation.

Mobile; someone driving around shires putting out calls with a radio and appropriate antenna/s with either or up to 400w, not stopping just driving around.

Portable; someone goes to another shire sets up a generator, beam, wire, dipole, table, chairs, barby, tent/camper van, portaloo, shower, putting out calls with a radio with either or up to 400w.

Fixed; sits in his/hers shack they have built up over the years, has, toilets, brew gear, food, kids/wife/husband/dog/cat/bird, phone calls to annoy the operator, has a comfy chair (see above, built up over the years) can be A/c or heated, , beam, wire, dipole, putting out calls with a radio with either or up to 400w.

Portable and fixed could very similar. Maybe this needs alittle defining???

I personally like the idea of a time frame between callsigns ie every XXX hours, but that's me.

Very sorry to say this but callsigns out side of VK/ZL are welcome to join in, the words out there, and this contest has just not started this year ..word of mouth!!!!.
Bill and the team are you going to keep everyone happy ..sorry mate no, no matter how hard all you try .can we as VK callsigns get behind this yes ..sorry I don't see a lot out there where others have tried to set a contest up at this level.
Maybe we as callsigns should maybe be alittle "proactive" with our hobby and help out???????
Where I come from its easy to come up with "problems", but unless you can come up with a "fix" you have just added another problem.
Either way see you all next year if not before.

73's Paul

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577. Proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-20 05:55:07 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 577 Message: 577

1. In response to Bills proposal, regarding lumping portable and home together, why would anyone then go portable, as Andrew VK4HAM says, so we also think that that would be a bad idea.
2. Also the Rover category, working a shire and driving to your home QTH, really lends itself to being manipulated, in that we can't see any true Rover i.e. mobile/portable for the duration competing with a good home station that somebody's driven home to from making one or two contacts from a nearby neighbouring shire, and thus being eligible for entering the Rover category as suggested.
3. The suggestion to maybe to allocate 3 points per DX contact may have some merit, but then again if the bands were open you would get more DX multipliers anyway and not just JA & W. (Under the 3 point system my points would have gone from 63000 to 92500 with the 73 DX contacts).
4. In regards to the contest DX exchange, and as a point of interest, it was surprising how many people obviously non-contesters, who did not know their CQ zone and had to be "helped" and the exchange of our shire probably did not worry them as most of them had no intention of sending in logs.
5. We are not unhappy with the contest with the way it is and yes we agree that more advertising would be an advantage and needed, and that changing rules both for the competitors and software writers would probably be best avoided unless there was a glaring problem. (Pity we can't change the rules for propagation).
6. Regarding a summer competition, all HF competitions are welcome, but for our location in VK4 we usually don't switch 80m on in the summer and even 40m can be a pain with all the static crashes. Probably not a good idea on Australia Day and maybe a shorter competition.

The thread that Trent started with his standardisation of contests post has certainly got a good discussion going.
Also like others have mentioned, we certainly appreciate the time and effort put in by the contests and awards organisers.
Catherine VK4GH and John VK4IO

578. Operation in the 2010 contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-20 06:24:59 UTC
From: vk4adx
Topic: 578 Message: 578

Trent and Bill,
one thing I haven't yet done was to thank all of the members of the amatuer fraternity who contacted me over the course of the contest, so.....thank you, one and all. There are some stand-outs of course; VK3LDR, 3FEMT, 4FSSB, 3AVV, 3ZPF, 4FABD, 4FREQ, 4GH, 7FWAY are just some who appear time and again through out the log.

I also wanted to mention that I was incredibly impressed by the number of "F calls" who made contact with me (as you can see above), the quality of their on-air signals as well as the standard of their operating. It was really great, and shows the high quality of our new operators who have embraced the VK Shires contest for what it is-great fun!!

VK2ZWZ, Rob Ray, conducted 99% of the logistics for our little soiree across NSW and was the driver of the vehicle as well. He made brews, translated when my deafness meant that I just couldn't quite understand what was said on the other end. To him, thanks as well.

We had an absolute blast and we will be in it again next year with his son Tomas, VK2LBT in tow.

Catch you all later down the log.

Mark VK4ADX/2

579. Re: [vkshires] Proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-20 11:04:07 UTC
From: Martin Luther
Topic: 577 Message: 579

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581. Re: Proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-20 13:19:34 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 577 Message: 581

Thanks for the Input Martin,

You have succinctly expressed my original concept of the VK Shire Concept - a VK Version of the US CA Counties programme....

One that is focussed on the VK Shires with a bit of DX as spice for the VK stations...

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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582. Re: [vkshires] proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-20 14:03:43 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 571 Message: 582

HI Everyone,

After trawling through what must be close to 100 messages by now, I want to reply on this message because it has a lot of suggestions that seem to cater for all involved and gets my vote for sure.

1st is the 3 category suggestion, Home, Rover, and Portable - caters for all involved and certainly helps keep the rarer shires active.

2nd is the suggestion to add a 6 hour category - There has to be others like me who have commitments that allow only 1 day or a few hours spare on a weekend.

3rd is the multiplier type for DX stations definitely needs to be addressed as every DX station i worked didnt't know about the zones and gave me 5900x instead.
But surely this is only an education/publicity exercise to make DX stations more aware of the rules.

I believe repeat contacts are fine for contests that do not attract many operators and if it was not for repeat contacts, the VK-Trans Tasman and the like would fail to attract as many as it does. See how effective repeat contacts are with next weekends 160m Digital/CW Trans Tasman contest. You might need them so you wont fall asleep in the last 1/2 hour of each hour.- and that's speaking from experience.! hi hi..
Hope to see u there.

Whatever the changes to the VK Shires (if any), I'll be there to support it.
Best 73's
Alan
VK4SN

--- On Sun, 20/6/10, Steve Chamberlain <vk6ir@...> wrote:

From: Steve Chamberlain <vk6ir@...>
Subject: Re: [vkshires] proposed new rule changes
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Received: Sunday, 20 June, 2010, 12:47 PM

Hi Bill & Everyone!!

I like both ideas as writen, as always well thought
out.

The Rover Category sounds like a fun way of
contesting, the real contester can still field a good score, but I think it could be a way to encorage the non contester to have a go. ie go out and have some fun for a few hours. Go with some friends and have a party etc.. on that thought maybe having a 6 hour section is worth a look at. As i said on one of my earlier Emails the pool of contesters in VK is so small any Idea that gets a few more out there even for a few hours has merit.

Multiplyers - I think using DXCC as suggested would
be good, not so sure about keeping the zones though, lots seem happy to give a
59001. As the rules stand I am better off working VK's as most are worth a point
& a new multiplyer, a pile up of JA's is still only one multiplyer. The
experenced contester will work out a balance between working volume & VK's
for muliplyers.. we just need to get that volume!!

Name change to add 'DX' also has merit.

I am most definatly opposed to repeat contacts.

I see the need for 3 categories,
Rover - 2 or more shires plus some from the home station if you want as
suggested by Bill,
Home - Only one Location - Your main Station
Portable - From one location only - set up to start only 24
hours before the start of the contest.

OK lets go a bit further, I am not sure of the
history as I was not part of the original organizing a few years ago.... but I
am guessing that the Contest & Award where both set up at the same
time. The Contest is a way of adding to your Shires Tally. The Award is
the main objective with a great contest to be enjoyed each year.

Now I look at the counties in the US and the
Russians have got something simular, the JA's have the JCC program all
have lots of overseas interest. Have you heard the pile ups for the hard to work
Russian & Japanese areas? I know both of these awards have been arround
for a long time. The shires award is so new we need to do heaps & heaps of
promotion to get some interest, and again the more interest in the award, it
follows there will be more interest in the Contest. Now like Laurie VK7ZE I dont
have too many answers but I am willing to be involved with the
solution!!

Regards
Steve
VK6IR

583. Re: [vkshires] Proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-20 22:32:10 UTC
From: Martin Luther
Topic: 577 Message: 583

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Hi Bill,

Sorry my wording was not clear enough.

I think the shires contest should be mainly focused on shires and the
results in that contest should reflect effort to work shires.
That doesn't mean that DX should not be a participant but the working of
shires should remain the focus of the event.
It should not be possible to win the "shires contest" by running europe
for a few hours a day.
If a pure DX contest is needed then it should be a separate event and I
used Oceania as an example of one that already exists.

73
Martin VK7GN

584. Objectives

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-20 22:50:28 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 584 Message: 584

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Objectives: The objectives of this contest are for amateurs around the world to contact as many VK shires as possible in the contest period.

585. POLLS TEST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 08:56:06 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 585 Message: 585

I am trying out the polls feature...in line with Vlads suggestions - if you notice it there just put your vote in - its just a trial...

586. test

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 11:18:04 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 91 Message: 586

I am informed this system has been broken most of the day so this is a test ..... I have posted 3 things here today and yet to see any of them so I guess they went to hyperspace..... I will re do the important one again in a minute.
assuming this actually is working
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587. POLLS TEST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 09:03:17 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 585 Message: 587

There is a test poll on the Polls page....

588. POLLS CLOSING 30th JUNE 2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 06:49:57 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 588 Message: 588

Should we increase the bands to 80M DX Window and 160M ???

589. New poll for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 06:45:53 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 26 Message: 589

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
vkshires group:

Should the VK Shires include 160M and 80M Dx Window

o YES
o NO
o 80 DX window only
o 160 Only

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/surveys?id=2619381

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

590. Re: Operation in the 2010 contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 02:45:53 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 578 Message: 590

I look forward to working you guys again in next years VK Shires, it was great exchanging with you and helps keep the activity of the contest up. Your Rover entry has tempted me to possibly consider going mobile in next years as well... I've now started asking mobile operators I bump into what setup they run.

I have a FAMPARC whip but would prefer a multi band auto tunable whip, otherwise much time/effort will be spent with aerial taps and band changes.

I'll also need to "dry run" my two 90Ah SLA batteries in parallel and see how many hours of continued operation I can get off the battery without any charging.

oops back to work.

591. DRAFT SET OF RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 06:16:04 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 591 Message: 591

The Australian Shires Contest
Held the weekend prior to the second Monday of June every year.

Starts: 06.00 UTC Saturday, June 11, 2011
Ends: 06.00 UTC Sunday, June 12, 2011

I. Contest Period: 24 hours for all stations, all categories.

II. Objectives: The objectives of this contest are for amateurs around the world to contact as many VK shires as possible in the contest period. IE. VK amateurs are to work the world including VK, whilst the rest of the world can only work VK

III.

A) Bands:. 80 Metres 3.500 - 3.700 MHz, 40 Metres 7.000 - 7.250 MHz, 20 Metres 14.000 - 14.300 MHz, 15 Metres 21.000 - 21.350 MHz, 10 Metres 28.000 - 28.600 MHz. Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted for VK stations which means the rest of the world can operate above 3.700 mhz. ie. split operation

B) Modes: SSB and CW only

IV. Class of Competition:

For all categories:

Transmitters and receivers for a fixed station must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater.

If you are a member of a multi op team you can not partake in the contest as an individual in any way, that means no operator is permitted to use more than one callsign in the contest.

All contest operation must be within operator's licence restrictions and conditions, eg power output, bands used, etc.

A Rover station is a VK station who operates from more than one shire.

Please note that in all categories below you may change band and mode as often as you like. You may also work the same station multiple consecutive bands/modes one behind the other. EG work VK4FW on 20m SSB then qsy to 20m CW then qsy to 80m CW then qsy to 40m SSB etc

1. VK Single - OP All Band Rover: Single operator(s) must do all contest related things by themself.
2. VK Multi - Two All Band Rover : Is 2 or more operators with maximum of two transmitted signals at any one time. This category MUST USE Software CONTEST LOGGERS. All operators must be fully listed when the log is submitted.

3. VK Single Op All Band... same conditions as number 1 above

4. VK Multi - Two All Band.. same conditions as number 2 above

5. VK Single Op Foundation: Is a VK foundation licensee who must do all contest related things by themself..

6. DX Single Op-All Band... Is a single op who must do all contest related things by themself..

V. Exchange: All VK operators to exchange callsign, RST followed by the VK shire abbreviation as per the official list provided . EG.. VK4FW ..59BU4 or 599BU4

Stations outside VK to exchange callsign, RST followed by 001 ascending to 10000 etc.

EG. ZL1AMO 59001 or 599001

VI. Multipliers: For stations outside VK : The multiplier is the number of different VK shires worked per band. A "VK shire" is counted once per band per mode. IE. If you work it on SSB it can be counted again on CW .

VII. For VK Stations: The multiplier is each VK shire worked per band and mode as above as well as each DXCC worked per band and mode .

VIII. Please note that every time a VK Rover Station activates a new shire the multipliers count again.

IX Scoring: One point per QSO

Multiply total QSO points times total number of multipliers worked

Example 1. VK4FW works stations as follows:

600 qsos x 1 point = 600points

118 vk shires worked + 85dxcc worked = 203

600 x 203= 121,800

VK4FW final score is 121,800

Example 2. ZL1AMO works stations as follows:

700 qsos with VK amateurs x 1 point = 700

118 VK shires work

700 x 118 = 82,600

Zl1AMO final score is 82,600

X. Awards: VK Stations : Certificates suitable for framing will be awarded to the top scoring stations in each category as well as place getters depending on entries received. A minimum of 50 qsos must be made to be eligible to receive a certificate.

Stations Outside VK : Certificates suitable for framing will be awarded to the top scoring stations in each category as well as place getters depending on entries received for each continent.

** please note we hope to be able to award a minimum of 4 certificates per category.

The various categories have been sponsored for the next three years by the following operators (till 2011). We thank them very much.

1. VK Single Op ... kindly donated by VK4KW, Phil Smeaton

2. VK Multi Two .. kindly donated by VK4VCC, Laurie Porter

3. VK Single Op Foundation ... kindly donated by VK2DX, Nick Hacko

4. VK Single Op Rover. kindly donated by VK6HZ, John Ferrington

5. VK Multi Two Rover . kindly donated by VK4TI, Trent Sampson

6. DX Single Op .. as below

a) North America .. kindly donated by VK8PDX, Craig Edwards

b) South America .. kindly donated by VK4NDX, Dave Clifford

c) Asia .. kindly donated by VK4KYL and VK4ZD, Diane and Bill Main

d) Europe .. kindly donated by VK4HAM, Andrew Munson

e) Africa ... kindly donated by VK3VTH, Tony Hambling

f) Oceania ... kindly donated by VK2VRD, Robert Duck

7) The VK5NJ Trophy: Will be awarded to the station who makes the highest number of CW qsos during the contest no matter what category they are in. Please note this has nil to do with actual points and multipliers, it is strictly the actual number of CW qsos made.

8) Most Valued Contester(s): The administration will award this trophy to the person(s) that they feel has done the very best they could for the betterment of the contest. This may be in the form of a club activation of a remote shire for example or a person traveling to the most shires - ultimately it will be to those who the administration feels did the best to add value to a particular years contest.

XI.. Miscellaneous: An operator may sign only one callsign during the contest. This means that an operator cannot generate QSOs by first signing his callsign, then signing his daughter's callsign, even though both callsigns are assigned to the same location.

If in fact a fixed VK station is located on the border of more than one VK shire, they must choose only one VK shire from which to operate from.

Utilising the various internet dx clusters etc is permitted however ANY FORM OF SOLICITED OR SELF SPOTTING INCLUDING CLUB MEMBERS SPOTTING CLUB OPERATIONS WILL RESULT IN NIL RESULT OF THE LOG.

ANY use by an entrant of any non-amateur means including, but not limited to, telephones, email, Internet, Instant Messenger, chat rooms, VOIP, or the use of packet to SOLICIT, ARRANGE, or CONFIRM any contacts during the contest is unsportsmanlike and the entry is subject to disqualification.

Aeronautical mobile or maritime mobile contacts do not count.

UTC is the required logging time.

XII .. Log Submissions: Log entries must be submitted by September 1, 2011 to be eligible for awards. Submit your electronic log in the Cabrillo format created by all major logging programs. Send via e-mail attachment to contest@...

. Subject line: Callsign [used in the contest] only. SINGLE OP stations may submit a paper log, only if they make less than 100 qsos.

VK entrants are reminded to be sure their log indicates their VK shire location. If you go portable or mobile the log must clearly define where you changed location.

Click on the "VK SHIRES Web Form" link on the contest website at www.vkshires.info.

Computer-generated logs must be e-submitted. Callsigns of electronic logs received are posted and updated regularly on the website.

Any queries or enquiries please email vkshires@vkshires.info

The Oceania Amateur Radio Dx Group Incorporated is very pleased to be able to be associated with this contest by providing the official web site www.vkshires.info

OK now above is a draft set of rules for all to look over. The main changes that have been tentively made is the ROVER category and the MULTIPLIERS section.

I would invite you all to carefully check it all. These proposed changes have been made after receiving many views from you all. It should be noted that when this contest was borne we made a point of stating that rules would only be changed every 3 years if needed. Many long hard hours was spent by many people to try to get this right the first time, after all the feedback it is obvious we need to do a little tweaking.

I am happy to see any further feedback etc on this set of proposed rules from you all but request that all emails be sent to this list not to my own email address.

BTW ..... as for having a net or nets..... I invited and seeked volunteers some months back and got zip. I do not have the time to set this up but am happy to partake on a roster system and would suggest 2 nets both on a Saturday... one on 20m in the afternoon and one on 80m at night..... but only if we get sufficent volunteers.

regards

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592. draft rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 11:52:19 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 592 Message: 592

now all of a sudden one of the drafts that I sent earlier today have finally showed up..... since this time Trent and I have actually re worded some so now I will wait to see if another set turns up before I again post the latest draft for you all to look at.

regards

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593. DRAFT RULES, POINTS OF INTEREST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 03:05:07 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 593 Message: 593
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Firstly I have attached a set of rules for 2011 contest. This is a draft that I ask you all to look at carefully and submit any further recommendations etc to this list for all to see. Please refrain from sending your views to my personal email address.

When this contest and award program were set up we tried like buggery to get it right the first time. It is pretty obvious to all that we need to tweak it here and there. We also made a point of stating we did not want to be changing rules every year but preferred to look at them every 3 years..... well after all the various comments I have made the decision to make the changes ROVER stations and DX MULTIPLYERS as they both seemed to be the big points that a multitude have raised. Yes there are a few other points that have been raised but I do not see how they will stimulate growth in this contest.

Secondly many months ago there were requests regarding having an official net or 2.
At the time I welcomed it and asked for volunteers to run the net/nets. Personally I envisaged maybe having an 80m net on a Saturday evening from 09.00utc or maybe even 09.30utc (remember the time zone fro WA) and maybe a dx style net on 20m on a Saturday afternoon at a time to be finalised.
Well guess what I never got a volunteer.

Now I have had 8 emails come here requesting a net or 2 in the last couple of days..... so the deal is if there are to be any nets at all there must be volunteers to run them. Obviously the more the merrier so as to make a roster up.
Will I do it, sorry no, I simply can not devote the time to setting it up however I most certainly would participate.

As one of the administrators I would like to sincerely thank all that have made points over the last few days/weeks regarding thee contest. No matter how small or complicated you made them or even if others thought they were valid, I would like to thank all..... the more communication we have to get this spot on the better.

I wait now for any comments.

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594. another

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 12:10:40 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 594 Message: 594

yet anotheer post regarding sets of proposed rules sent earlier today.... finally it has turned up.

I would suggets that u filter thru it all and see what u think.

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595. How big is Australia

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 12:12:21 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 595 Message: 595
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

This is probably something a lot of people do not realise.

cheers
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Australia

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596. New poll for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 12:25:29 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 26 Message: 596

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
vkshires group:

What should the DX Multiplier for VK Stations be ?

o DXCC once per mode
o DXCC once per mode AND band
o CQ Zone as present
o ITU Zones per band mode
o Prefixes

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/surveys?id=2619389

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

597. Draft Rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 20:35:20 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 597 Message: 597

Hee Hee,
I just read for the first time the rules for a Rover station.
Want to win the contest?
Come to Tasmania and operate Rover - 29 Shires in a day.
Bureaucracy gone mad.............

599. Re: Draft Rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 21:33:39 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 597 Message: 599

Oops! make that 27 Andrew, I don't have a boat to get to two of them.....:-)

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Andrew Munson (VK4HAM)" <vk4ham@...> wrote:
>
> Yeah and all you'll have to do is talk to your same 3 mates and thats 87
> contacts, then you have each band thats 435 contact, then you have both
> modes thats 870 contacts - it's the same way the VHF field day has been
> manipulated. As for multi 2 rover - I can't wait to see the quality setup
> of 2 stations "rovering". A little hint to anyone thinking of entering the
> new multi 2 rover - just find a mate in a car and both enter single rover -
> stop each side of the shire and make contacts on all bands to each other -
> then swap shires and do it again - find the next shire and repeat, you'll
> have 10 contacts each per shire using all bands / modes.
>
> Have I made my point about rover stations yet? - They simply don't work. I
> thought I possible made valid points about this to Trent and Bill when the
> contest first started - maybe not. The idea of going portable in a contest
> is getting a few mates, setting up the tent, bbq, beer etc etc - why do this
> when 2 people can cruise around in their cars and absolutely flog you.
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> Andrew VK4HAM
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> On Tue, Jun 22, 2010 at 6:35 AM, vk7ze <vk7ze@...> wrote:
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> > --
> > Andrew Munson
> > Callsign: VK4HAM
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> > Address: PO Box 7956
> > Toowoomba South Q 4350
> > Australia

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> Phone: 0410 690 378
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> Web: www.vk4ham.webs.com
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601. Comment on proposed rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 22:45:24 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 601 Message: 601

The original rules stated "A Rover station is a VK station who goes either portable or mobile for the entirety of the contest."
The proposed rule states "A Rover station is a VK shire who operates from more than one shire."
Forgetting the portable aspect of the change, what is to stop somebody under the new proposal from working one station portable in another shire and then driving home to their DX station to run the next 23 hours, and then enter under Rover?
Again forgetting about the portable, as this category under the new proposal doesn't exist, the original wording that a Rover station must be mobile for the entirety of the contest, I think should be included in the new proposal.
OK with the changes to the DX part of the contest.
As 160 and 80 DX window are available to only Advanced licencees, we would be against this.
Cheers,
Catherine VK4GH and John VK4IO

603. Re: [vkshires] DRAFT SET OF RULES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 23:15:02 UTC
From: Martin Luther
Topic: 591 Message: 603

Bill Horner VK4FW wrote:
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> *The Australian Shires Contest*
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> Held the weekend prior to the second Monday of June every year.
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Bill,

Hi and I like what you have written.

My only thinking is still where I started worrying about combining my home station contacts with my mobile contacts. As written the rover can do a close shire then go home and operate with big beams and power for the rest of the test.

Perhaps a wording like:

/A Rover station is a VK station that operates as a mobile or portable station from more than one shire./

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One other point is can the rover count the shire they are in as a new mult for themselves?

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73

Martin VK7GN

604. Re: [vkshires] Draft Rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 23:20:55 UTC
From: Martin Luther
Topic: 597 Message: 604

Andrew Munson (VK4HAM) wrote:
>
> Well correct me if I am wrong but I thought this contest was also
> about getting rare shires on the air.....as per the objectives set
> out when you first started and to align itself with the current shires
> award program.
>
You are correct BUT if you go out and operate from one rare shire we
will all think you are a really great fellow but you would be an even
better fellow if you moved after a few hours and activated another
shire. That is what will keep up the activity
and keep it focussed on working shires rather than just working stations.

73

Martin VK7GN

605. polls

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-21 23:30:34 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 605 Message: 605

Polls or no polls I want to bring it to everyones attention that advanced licenses are the only ones who can operate in both the 80m dx window and 160m. If these 2 segments are permitted in the contest then firstly we would need to create more categories or penalise the standard licenses..... also when 6 stations get in the 80m window the rest of the ops can not fit and if some of those 6 are using what I call unethical signals then 6 will not fit.
At the end of the day some of the posts I am seeing on this forum are bordering on absurd.

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609. Re: Proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 00:20:54 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 577 Message: 609

I firmly agree with Martin's comments below specifically about winning the contest by running Europe for a few hours - I see where his coming from. I think keep the playing field level and balanced, the choice of how to include multipliers for DX contacts should be made carefully.

I feel otherwise you will find some stations getting huge scores due to getting lots of DX multipliers (depending which way the multipler is granted), which in essence there is nothing wrong with - but isn't this afterall supposed to be the "VK Shires" contest?

I think DX multipliers should be kept to a number LOWER than the number of VK Shires to keep the balance. So if there are 100 shires across Australia, then there shouldn't be more than 100 DX multipliers, as that puts the balance out.

Remember - this is a discussion, I'm not out to state exactly how it should be, just discuss my personal view/preference.

610. Re: [vkshires] Re: Draft Rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 01:06:50 UTC
From: Martin Luther
Topic: 597 Message: 610

> Sorry my previous email got some weird formatting - have to go out but
> will correct and resend later. Sorry for that.

Martin
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611. Re: Proposed new rule changes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 01:16:46 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 577 Message: 611

Thanks Dave

That's why the rules are in Draft format...

Personally I would prefer the rules are not changed - BUT a lot of people have asked for a changed to 59001 owing to stations not knowing their zone..

BY deleting the ZOne from the exchange we have no way of confirming through log checking software the zone of the station.

For example in the USA a W6 calsign could actually be in W2 and a totally different Zone..

So the deletion of the Zone from the exchange create the need to use a different multiplier..

Currently there are 200 Possible Zones per mode or 400 on both SSB and CW.

But to change this to DXCC per band and mode would add 3000 potential multipliers...I think its too many and as Martin points out makes the winning station of the VK Shires no different to any other DX contest..

I am in favour of DXCC per mode only -

ie Once you work USA once on SSB that's it and then you can work on CW...but not on every band...

Trent VK4TI

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612. Re: Draft Rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 01:18:19 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 597 Message: 612

Hi Martin

your post was designed for those of us who need to read things slowly hihihi

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Martin Luther <vk7gn@...> wrote:
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> Martin
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614. Defined Categories in the contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 04:05:20 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 577 Message: 614

One element that has confused a few.....

Defined Categories in the contest

If you are a Single operator (home station) thats your category..

If a rover thats your category...

Even if the Rover goes to 300 different shires in 24 hours...you do not compete against each other...

The ROVER score is against other ROVERS

The home station is against other home stations -

The can be NO overall winner of the contest ONLY category winners..because they all have different scoring methodology.

615. New poll for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 06:51:03 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 26 Message: 615

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
vkshires group:

In Order to stop confusion with categories ;

Should the Home station and Portable Station be separate ?

The idea is to promote remote shires BUT this does not
stop someone setting up portable just down the road is this fair ?

o YES they should be separate
o NO they are too much alike
o Portables should be lumped in with Rovers
o HOME PORTABLE and ROVER should be separated
o ALL Categories should be lumped together except multi ops

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/surveys?id=2619612

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

616. Re: [vkshires] Re: Draft Rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 07:39:17 UTC
From: Martin Luther
Topic: 597 Message: 616

Bill,

Hi and I like what you have written.

My only thinking is still where I started worrying about combining my home station contacts with my mobile contacts. As written the rover can do a close shire then go home and operate with big beams and power for the rest of the test.

Perhaps a wording like:

(A Rover station is a VK station that operates as a mobile or portable station from more than one shire.)

A portable station maybe operates fewer shires but has better antennas and perhaps power (get the geny going!) than a pure mobile.

For multi two rover - then the portable can do it but so can a mobile. For a portable it would work well to spend as little time as possible in each shire as you can work at least two bands at the same time. Take a look at the write ups in the USA of their VHF contests.
There you will see "mobile" stations that can operate high power on all bands 6m to microwave and some are multi op!

(I've a picture from 1999 of N3IQ rover station, small van with large generator(7Kw) in tow, antennas when down can be used and rotated when mobile, front and rear masts can be raised to 25ft when stopped. There are two operating positions and kw's on the lower VHF bands).

One other point is can the rover count the shire they are in as a new mult for themselves?

73

Martin VK7GN

p.s. really sorry for the previous format error ? no idea what I did! Apologies.

617. Query about wording in poll

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 08:48:12 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 617 Message: 617

Hi Trent,
Can you please clarify the fourth option HOME PORTABLE and ROVER be separate.... Did you mean 3 categories as in HOME, PORTABLE and ROVER? OR 2 categories HOME/PORTABLE and ROVER?
Catherine VK4GH

618. Portable versus Home

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 09:08:50 UTC
From: catchcryhamm
Topic: 618 Message: 618

Hi again to the group,
In Trent's prelude to the poll regarding Home Portable Rover, he says the idea is to promote remote shires BUT this does not stop someone setting up down the road - is this fair?
We don't quite understand what Trent is alluding to in this comment, but we would like to put our point of view. Deciding to go portable for this contest, John has spent weeks (months?) thinking about and then working on antennas to take portable. Started loading the trailer a week before the contest, probably spent 8 hours setting up, 6 hours packing up, and this is without organising our accommodation as well.
If we stayed home, we could have just walked into the shack, switched on the ACOM 1000, chose either the old TH6DXX on one tower or the 40m hex beam on another tower, or 160m loop, slept in our own comfortable bed, lit the fire when it was gettting a bit cooler and generally had a pretty easy weekend.
We are quite happy to work the home station, but do feel that if you want to consider, we went to all the trouble of setting up the portable station in a shire that was little activated, we find the discussion about whether a portable situation is being abused and should be lumped with a home station, to be slightly offensive. We believe our home shire was activated by at least a few home stations, and we don't really care if the portable/rover is changed and portables are lumped with home, we will just merrily sit at home and work the contest with all the rest of the people in the shire.
Catherine VK4GH & John VK4IO

620. Just to add....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 09:25:27 UTC
From: weiry6660
Topic: 620 Message: 620

Hmmmmmmm.A simple thing has opened up some discussions.
Well as I'm only an F Call and 2c has come from Advanced and Standard Calls I'll put 1c in the kitty.
Bill and the team, first up congrates for actually doing something in a world of radio that doesn't have much going on. Especially in our own back yard of VK Land. Maybe we all should be doing more?????????? Anyway my 1c has been spent.
Rules.
Not going into the VK/DX multipliers leaving that to better people than me to "nut" over.
Mobile, Portable, Fixed, hmmmm tricky one, my interpretation.

Mobile; someone driving around shires putting out calls with a radio and appropriate antenna/s with either or up to 400w, not stopping just driving around.

Portable; someone goes to another shire sets up a generator, beam, wire, dipole, table, chairs, barby, tent/camper van, portaloo, shower, putting out calls with a radio with either or up to 400w.

Fixed; sits in his/hers shack they have built up over the years, has, toilets, brew gear, food, kids/wife/husband/dog/cat/bird, phone calls to annoy the operator, has a comfy chair (see above, built up over the years) can be A/c or heated, , beam, wire, dipole, putting out calls with a radio with either or up to 400w.

Portable and fixed could very similar. Maybe this needs alittle defining???

I personally like the idea of a time frame between callsigns ie every XXX hours, but that's me.

Very sorry to say this but callsigns out side of VK/ZL are welcome to join in, the words out there, and this contest has just not started this year ..word of mouth!!!!.
Bill and the team are you going to keep everyone happy ..sorry mate no, no matter how hard all you try .can we as VK callsigns get behind this yes ..sorry I don't see a lot out there where others have tried to set a contest up at this level. Maybe we as callsigns should maybe be alittle "proactive" with our hobby and help out???????
Where I come from its easy to come up with "problems", but unless you can come up with a "fix" you have just added another problem.
Either way see you all next year if not before.

73's Paul

621. Good Amateur Radio Practice

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 09:55:32 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 621 Message: 621

Once again I'm only a F Call and still learning, yes 44 an learning from the people in the game who have more time up than me. I have a vestive interest in this hobby and what you and what maybe I can do in the near future, just a thought.

I put a * against some points???

*Always be polite regardless of the circumstances. If not, avoid transmitting.
*Set a good example especially for short wave listeners who may be thinking about becoming a ham.
Be a good listener. It will help you better organize your thoughts before transmitting.
Reply to a CQ, or call CQ yourself. It helps keep alive the magic of ham radio.
Speak clearly and slowly, especially when giving your call sign to someone you have never worked before.
*Promote friendship and goodwill to DX contacts. Look for ways to get to know each other rather than simply exchanging signal reports and 73s!
Try to keep track of everyone in the QSO. Hopefully someone has assumed the role of "traffic director" to make sure everyone has a chance to contribute to the discussion. If not, don't hesitate to do it yourself.
Make it clear at the end of each transmission which station is expected to transmit next. Try to do this even when operating VOX.
Operate on frequencies that are in whole KHz (e.g. 18.130 Khz). This alleviates ambiguity and makes it easier for everyone to be on the same frequency.
*Openly praise other hams when you observe them doing something that you feel is especially deserving. e.g., helping demonstrate ham radio to a group of scouts.
Always be ready to quickly and calmly respond to emergency situations. Rehearse what you would do if presented with various scenarios.
Pause between transmissions. "Quick keying" gives the appearance that other hams are unwelcome in your QSO.
Consider using the Internet to enrich your QSO. Many hams have developed their own comprehensive websites which you can usually find through QRZ.COM.
Respect the privileges of hams operating in other modes on the HF bands including those who enjoy AM.

622. Re: Portable versus Home

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 10:53:50 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 618 Message: 622

Hi Catherine,

OK clarification and maybe we need to restart the POLL..

Should we have three categories...?

Missed a comma !

FIXED, PORTABLE and ROVER...

BUT A PORTABLE CAN WIN THE FIXED SECTION - does that make sense ? A portable could be the best "fixed" station and should be top dog of both categories..

What I was alluding to with the down the road comment is that we all need to think what some devious future entrants might try..

With all the effort you have gone to do we need the category denigrated by someone setting up in the local park ??

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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> Catherine VK4GH & John VK4IO
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623. RESIGNATION OF BILL HORNER VK4FW

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-22 22:05:59 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 623 Message: 623

This email is to inform you that Bill Horner VK4FW no longer has any thing to do with administration of the VK Shires Contest or Awards Program.

Bill can be contacted direct through the normal means

email is

VK4FW@bigpond.com

Bill Horner, VK4FW
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ph 0428877551 or 07 41266220

624. Re: RESIGNATION OF BILL HORNER VK4FW

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 03:21:12 UTC
From: Robert D
Topic: 623 Message: 624

I was very sorry to read that Bill had decided to withdraw from the administration of the Awards and the Contest administration. I believe he has worked very hard to bring both of these into existence and his input will be sadly missed.

Suffice it to say, after reading some of the posts to this group over the last couple of weeks, I can well understand his reluctance to continue.

Robert (VK2VRD)

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625. Re: DRAFT RULES, POINTS OF INTEREST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 03:51:39 UTC
From: Robert D
Topic: 593 Message: 625

I have had very limited exposure to nets but I would be very interested in being involved.

I don't know what is involved in setting up a net but I would be willing to give it a try.

My biggest problem is that I only have a Standard Licence which restricts the bands I can operate on and the power I can operate with. The bands would probably not create any problems because the net(s) would probably run on 80, 40 or 20m

The power issue may be more relevant. In previous attempts to be involved in nets I have often found it difficult to make myself heard while the Advanced operators beamed and boomed in from everywhere.

Having said all that, I am willing to try. I will not be available until mid July but after that time I would be happy to see what can be organised.

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626. Re: DRAFT RULES, POINTS OF INTEREST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 08:38:39 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 593 Message: 626

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 08:44:44 UTC
From: John, VK5PO
Topic: 593 Message: 627

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 11:11:54 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 593 Message: 628

FANTASTIC NEWS

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629. VK SHIRES NETS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 11:15:54 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 629 Message: 629

We have two volunteers stepping forward for the VK Shires Nets..

John VK5PO and Robert VK2VRD...

The net frequencies will be

80m..... 3.580 ssb and 3.530 cw
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If you would like to be a net controller please step forward.

630. URGENT FOR LOG SUBMISSION 2010 VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 11:20:48 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 630 Message: 630

If you haven't submitted your log to VK Shires please do so soon.

As part of the log checking process all logs no matter how small are needed to cross check so please get them in soon.

Contrary to previous advice please forward all logs to vk4ti@...

This is due to the actions of the Oceania DX Group withdrawing support of the website and email facilities.

Please forward to any DX bulletins or other outlets you may have at your disposals.

631. Re: DRAFT RULES, POINTS OF INTEREST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 12:15:38 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 593 Message: 631

Please advise exactly what's required and perhaps I can volunteer some time to serve as net control on a rotational basis.

Cheers,
Dave

632. Re: URGENT FOR LOG SUBMISSION 2010 VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 19:00:10 UTC
From: paul_zl2cq
Topic: 630 Message: 632

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> This is due to the actions of the Oceania DX Group withdrawing support of the website and email facilities.

Does this mean a new website will be forthcoming ?

.... and guys .... don't do what ZLs' did !

Keep it constructive and non personal, otherwise you will end up with no discussion medium like us.

re "I am only an "f" call..... "
As far as "F" calls go - you would be the first ones I would work, you are important, you are the future.
Learn well from your peers.

73, good luck,
Paul - ZL2CQ

633. Website Hosting

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 22:36:34 UTC
From: vk4zd
Topic: 633 Message: 633

Hi Trent & everyone.

If you need somewhere to put the website, I can provide full blown web hosting for the group at no cost. I see that vkshires.info is held by vk2kv. Is that available to be used? If not then another domain could be obtained at very low cost.

73

Bill Main, VK4ZD.

634. Re: Website Hosting

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-23 23:31:06 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 633 Message: 634

Thanks for the very kind offer Bill -

I dont know what is needed to transfer the website - thats your field - Could you please forward details off list ?

Trent

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635. Re: Website Hosting

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-24 00:16:44 UTC
From: vk4zd
Topic: 633 Message: 635

OK Trent

I have emailed you at your WIA email address.

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Bill Main
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636. Re: Website Hosting

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-24 01:08:52 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 633 Message: 636

Hi Guys,

If you need any additional assistance in what you already have for maintaining the web site itself I'd be glad to help :)

Cheers,
Dave
VK3LDR

637. Re: Website Hosting

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-24 02:16:28 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 633 Message: 637

Great Dave,

I actually looked at your website and it looks really well done..

Perhaps we need a list of things we would like on the site and let you go for it..

Any suggestions ?? Anyone ??

My dream is for a web based VK Shires awards programme not unlike EQSL..where a score board can be maintained (of Shires worked per band) as well as electronic issuing of Certificates and Awards in PDF format..where people login to update their own Shires worked and the programme director just randomly checks claimed QSOs are in order..

I have already asked one person to look into this today..

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-24 03:09:09 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 633 Message: 638

Well my main site is really done using Google. Originally I had it in a very similar format on my own website, but Google was far more conducive to maintaining more easily from anywhere - so I don't take all the credit for that.

I did however do the FAMPARC website at http://www.qsl.net/vk3frc or the website for an IRLP Node VK3RVZ at http://www.roity.com/vk3rvz. Many Many Many years ago I wrote up technical pages on CB Radio back in 1997 which has been a tiny bit updated along the way... that's at www.roity.com/rc.

I only know basic html, you'll probably find more geekier web page people out there in aussie amateur radio land. I was "good" back when the web started out, but now with Java, Flash etc. etc. that's all beyond me.

If you want to see a pretty good advanced forum website and award program, checkout the European PSK Club at http://eu.srars.org/

639. VK Shires logo

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-24 04:21:00 UTC
From: vk2hv
Topic: 639 Message: 639

Trent,if you have one email it to me and i will place it on my web site.

Paul vk2hv

640. Re: VK Shires logo

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-24 04:34:05 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 639 Message: 640

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/promote

Has the links to promote the Yahoo web site and the membership......

Trent

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641. Re: VK Shires logo

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-24 04:58:50 UTC
From: vk2hv
Topic: 639 Message: 641

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there is a problem with the code as it also attaches other text with it.It is on my web page now trent

642. Re: [vkshires] Re: Website Hosting

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-24 08:26:02 UTC
From: John, VK5PO
Topic: 633 Message: 642

If someone can give me a permanent site for hosting VK-Shires, I am more
than happy tp upload it there if you wish.

I am also happy to continue my work as web master for VK-Shires.

I equally will not be "put out", if someone else wishes to undertake
this task.
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John McRae, VK5PO

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643. What is needed for VK Shires ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-24 09:11:17 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 643 Message: 643

LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO GET INTO SILLY ARGUMENTS OVER AMATEUR RADIO...

We need to get on with the contest results and any changes for 2011..

HOW COULD THE CONTEST BE RUN GOING FORWARD ?

I will continue to run the contest without assistance this year however I need to form a committee for the ongoing future of the contest. This should see no changes to the functioning of the contest in the foreseeable future. I have all the log checking software and the logs are held locally and in encrypted formated on the VK Shires Yahoo Group. It was done single handedly last year so there should be no changes..Bill VK4FW looked after the awards and not the contest...

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO VKSHIRES DOT INFO ?

While I have had several offers of support for the website I question and please no offence meant; whether the WIA should not be approached for the website and any fiscal matters.

If this is not possible or for whatever reason the ODXG decide that they wish to retain the website then there is no option but to get on with things.

WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR SPONSORSHIP ?

There is the need to claim back the monies paid on behalf of sponsors from the President of the Oceania Dx Group VK4FW and to sort out whether the website can be re-assigned anywhere - at this point there has been nothing received in this regard. As the contest does not run under an organisation, I feel one is needed to allow for fiscal transactions if needed and to ensure accountability of any monies.

WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE VK SHIRES AWARD ?

Perhaps a local club may be interested in stepping up for the VK Shires Awards but my hope is that we are able to create an electronic leaderboard and an on-line log sumission for the VK Shires awards complete with PDF Certificates.

Regards to All - business as usual with a minor hickup

Trent VK4TI

644. Re: VK SHIRES NETS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-26 01:46:30 UTC
From: VK2MCI
Topic: 629 Message: 644

Hi all,

Maybe it's time to actually start a net and get hams "on air" to spread the word and get more involved to promote the VK Shires.

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645. Re: What is needed for VK Shires ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-26 02:22:16 UTC
From: VK2MCI
Topic: 643 Message: 645

Trent,

I agree that it is time to get on with the contest for 2011.

I enjoyed this years VK Shires working as VK2FFG with VK2KDP and VK2FAJA but a hard slog for 24 hours.

A committee to organise is the only way to go as it would be to difficult for one to run.

Maybe you a correct in approaching the WIA as it is in their best interest to promote VK Shires to get more Amateurs on air and also attract new entants to Amateur Radio.

An electronic logging for VK Shires similar to LOTW would be the perfect avenue to encourage more paticipants in the VK Shires awards scheme. Is the current logging program being used for VK100WIA suitable adaptable?

Does anyone else have some POSITIVE suggestions?

Ian VK2MCI

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646. Re: VK SHIRES NETS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-26 13:37:49 UTC
From: Robert D
Topic: 629 Message: 646

As advised previously, I will not be available for the first two weeks of July. (Available from 19th July 2010)

If someone else is prepared to launch the nets (or even just one net) prior to 19/7/10 then I would be very happy for that to happen. If the nets have not launched when I return on 19/7/10 I will then attempt to organise dates & times. The frequencies have been previously advised (see below).

Sorry but I have a prior commitment until 19/7/10 and will not have access to a radio until that date.

cheers

Robert - VK2VRD

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> >
> > The net frequencies will be
> >
> > 80m..... 3.580 ssb and 3.530 cw
> > 40m..... 7.080 ssb and 7.030 cw (please note for USA go to 7.180)
> > 20m..... 14.180 ssb and 14.030 cw
> > 15m..... 21.180 ssb and 21.030 cw
> > 10m..... 28.380 ssb and 28.030 cw
> >
> > If you would like to be a net controller please step forward.

> >
>

647. Re: What is needed for VK Shires ??

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-30 01:54:46 UTC
From: billvk4fw
Topic: 643 Message: 647

When someone in authority provides me with bank account details I will immediately internet transfer the balance of monies of sponsorship paid..... total $146.63

At no time till I could actually resubscribe to this list have I been approached for any refund.

As for vk shires.info ..... I would suggest you send a request to odxg@... so that the committee can implement what ever other changes they wish.

73 Bill

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "VK4TI" <vk4ti@...> wrote:
>
> LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO GET INTO SILLY ARGUMENTS OVER AMATEUR RADIO...
>
> We need to get on with the contest results and any changes for 2011..
>
> HOW COULD THE CONTEST BE RUN GOING FORWARD ?
>
> I will continue to run the contest without assistance this year however I need to form a committee for the ongoing future of the contest. This should see no changes to the functioning of the contest in the foreseeable future. I have all the log checking software and the logs are held locally and in encrypted formated on the VK Shires Yahoo Group. It was done single handedly last year so there should be no changes..Bill VK4FW looked after the awards and not the contest...
>
> WHAT'S HAPPENED TO VKSHIRES DOT INFO ?
>
> While I have had several offers of support for the website I question and please no offence meant; whether the WIA should not be approached for the website and any fiscal matters.
>
> If this is not possible or for whatever reason the ODXG decide that they wish to retain the website then there is no option but to get on with things.
>
> WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR SPONSORSHIP ?
>
> There is the need to claim back the monies paid on behalf of sponsors from the President of the Oceania Dx Group VK4FW and to sort out whether the website can be re-assigned anywhere - at this point there has been nothing received in this regard. As the contest does not run under an organisation, I feel one is needed to allow for fiscal transactions if needed and to ensure accountability of any monies.
>
> WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE VK SHIRES AWARD ?
>
> Perhaps a local club may be interested in stepping up for the VK Shires Awards but my

hope is that we are able to create an electronic leaderboard and an on-line log sumission for the VK Shires awards complete with PDF Certificates.
>
> Regards to All - business as usual with a minor hickup
>
>
> Trent VK4TI
>

648. (no subject)

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-06-30 08:09:59 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 648 Message: 648

Thanks John,

Basically the format used in the RSGB and ARRL is one of standards - with each contest having its own flavour.

I agree that a short list could be sorted out and from there we adopt what covers overall, starting from the 1st of January 2011.

Maybe we take the easy way out and blend together the RSGB, ARRL and CQ Standards to have a standard for VK Contests...of course some obscure contests may prefer to run their own entire standard set and that is for them to advise the punters that they are different...

Regards

Trent Sampson
220 Alderley Street
Toowoomba QLD
4350
VK4TI

----- Original Message -----
From: "WIA VHF Contests"
<vhf-contests@...>
To:
"VK4TI" <vk4ti@...>
Cc: nfd@....au, vk4od@..., vk4ae@..., vktasman@..., vktasman@robglassey.com, vk3tz@..., vk4ajs@..., "Craig Edwards" <vk8pdx@yahoo.com.au>, "odxginc" <odxginc@yahoogroups.com.au>, vkcc@yahoogroups.com, vkshires@yahoogroups.com, oceaniadxtest@yahoogroups.com
Sent:
Wednesday, 30 June, 2010 4:10:40 PM GMT +10:00 Brisbane
Subject: Re:
STANDARDISATION OF VK CONTEST RULES

Hi Trent,

My apologies for not replying sooner to your email.

When I first took on the Ross Hull and the VHF-UHF Field Day I was surprised that there didn't seem to be a list of general rules that apply to all contests. Later I found that such a thing had existed in the past, but nobody seemed to know where it could be found.

There are several areas where I think we would benefit from a set of common rules -
- A definition of what constitutes a valid contact.

(This is a dicky one which requires much care.)
- Definitions of what constitutes a portable,
mobile or home station.
- A common rule requiring operators of multi-op
stations to operate using only the cub or group callsign.

- A set of common criteria for penalties or
disqualification.

There could also be a table of mode categories. My
contests make no distinction between modes, but others do. There may be benefit in classifying various modes so that people can be clearer as to which sections they can enter. For example, does a mode like QRSS count as CW even though it is decoded by a computer rather than by ear?

Regarding multiple
contact rules. I doubt that this could be incorporated into a set of common rules. It depends on the length of the contest. For example, my VHF-UHF Field Days run for 24 hours and it is reasonable to allow repeat contacts after three hours. Otherwise boredom can set in if all available stations on a given band have already been worked. But the Ross Hull Contest is a DX contest that runs for a month, so it is reasonable to allow repeat contacts only every 24 hours.

Use of Internet spotting is also an area of
concern. I make no mention of it in the rules for the contests I run. I know that spotting can be highly questionable, but it would not be easy to come up with a set of rules that could be enforced.

Band usage - In my contests I draw particular
attention to the need for contesters to refrain from hogging DX calling frequencies on the VHF-UHF bands. There is non-contest activity at any time and over the years there have been major problems with DX stations on calling frequencies not being able to make themselves heard because of bedlam from contest stations. I think it is entirely reasonable to nominate recommended contest calling frequencies and to ask contest stations to avoid the weak-signal DX calling frequencies. This is convenient for contesters and non-contesters alike to pursue their interests without getting in each other's hair.

Also relevant here would be a general prohibition
on using repeaters or satellites for contest exchanges.

A general comment. With the VHF-UHF Field Days I
have deliberately kept the rules as simple and brief as possible. I have found that every extra rule seems to open up extra loopholes. Some people tend to focus their attention on how to get around the rules, rather than concentrating on the operational side. So I make rule changes
with great reluctance, and I try to keep the wording to a minimum. Thus far this approach has been successful in avoiding complaints about the rules, or requests for new rules to be added or existing ones to be expanded. I think that if we go down that path we end up with nine yards of rules and nobody is happy. So, I'd be happy to see a set of common rules for WIA contests but I would suggest that

they be kept as short and sweet as possible.

Cheers, John VK3KM
Ross Hull Contest and VHF-UHF Field
Days

649. Poll results for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-01 00:32:11 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 649 Message: 649

The following vkshires poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: In Order to stop confusion with categories ;

Should the Home station and Portable Station be separate ?

The idea is to promote remote shires BUT this does not
stop someone setting up portable just down the road is this fair ?

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- YES they should be separate, 8 votes, 57.14%
- NO they are too much alike , 1 votes, 7.14%
- Portables should be lumped in with Rovers, 1 votes, 7.14%
- HOME PORTABLE and ROVER should be separated, 3 votes, 21.43%
- ALL Categories should be lumped together except multi ops, 1 votes, 7.14%

For more information about this group, please visit
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires

For help with Yahoo! Groups, please visit
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/forms/general.html

650. Poll results for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-01 00:32:19 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 649 Message: 650

The following vkshires poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: What should the DX Multiplier for VK Stations be ?

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- DXCC once per mode , 4 votes, 19.05%
- DXCC once per mode AND band, 8 votes, 38.10%
- CQ Zone as present, 7 votes, 33.33%
- ITU Zones per band mode, 1 votes, 4.76%
- Prefixes, 1 votes, 4.76%

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http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires

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651. Poll results for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-01 00:32:28 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 649 Message: 651

The following vkshires poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: Should the VK Shires include 160M and 80M Dx Window

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- YES , 3 votes, 12.50%
- NO, 17 votes, 70.83%
- 80 DX window only, 2 votes, 8.33%
- 160 Only, 2 votes, 8.33%

For more information about this group, please visit
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires

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652. Re: [vkshires] Poll results for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-01 00:57:20 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 649 Message: 652

Hi Trent,

Interesting to see that the poll on high power "should the locations be restricted to rural areas NO metro locations ?" is currently in favor of high power within metro areas.

How many who have voted in favor of using high power (1500W) live in a metro area.?

One would need a rather large block to comply with EMR standards. There is a lot of maths in the working out, but keeping it simple, running
200 watts with an antenna gain of 9db requires at least an 8 Meter people free zone on 14MHz and above on HF.
Running 1500 watts would rarely be compliant on any modern residential block and I would image that any submission for an increase would be blocked or if it was approved, "EMR Compliance" would be in there somewhere.. hihi.

Just a thought.

Cheers
Al
VK4SN

653. New poll for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-01 04:02:29 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 26 Message: 653

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
vkshires group:

How many major categories should we have in the contest ?

o Home and Portable (2 Only)
o Home, Portable and Rover (3 Separate)

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/surveys?id=2621332

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

654. RESULTS of the POLLS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-01 04:07:01 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 654 Message: 654

A resounding NO to increase the bands....This matter is finished.

A resounding YES to make Portable distinct from Home station - for better clarification do we need three categories ? I will ask that in a new poll.

A Maybe on changes to the Multipliers..this will need some work..

It appears that many are still happy with the existing format and it means less hassle if its not changed but we need a work around when the exchange is wrong..

What if the Zone can be claimed even if the station does not exchange a Zone but gives you 59001 ? As long as a valid QSO takes place ?? Signal report plus Zone or Serial number ? Would that alleviate the problem ?

Still getting plenty of logs coming in will post another report on Monday night..

Regards to all thanks for the input on the Polls.

655. latest poll

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-01 08:44:52 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 655 Message: 655

Trent et all, sorry but I do not think this latest poll is even remotely explained properly.
Surely there needs to be clarity on what you are suggesting as such.

ie. what is the definition (under the terms of the contest) for a prtable station.......... I mean I can go portable from one shire or in fact I could go protable from 5 shires.......... and all that without being classed as a rover or mobile station.

I understand what your trying to find out but there will be those are do not comprehend what your asking.

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656. Re: [vkshires] latest poll

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-01 09:22:25 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 655 Message: 656

May I suggest the (what seems obvious) definitions of 'home' 'portable' and 'rover' stations.

1..A home station is one who operates from their 'licenced' address ONLY
(therefore 1 shire only)

2.. A roving station is one who operates from TWO or MORE shires.

3.. A portable station is one who is AWAY from their 'licenced' address AND only works from ONE shire.

(by definition one signs portable when they operate away from home QTHr anyway)

Examples.

1. If i go to VK6 and work from Wave Rock ONLY - that's a. one shire, and
b. away from my licenced address - Therefore I am portable.

2. Even if I operate from my 'licenced' address (1st shire) then go to another shire and operate, I have operated from TWO shires, therefore I am a ROVER!.

T.F.E.

Al
VK4SN

--- On Thu, 1/7/10, Bill Horner VK4FW <vk4fw@...> wrote:

From: Bill Horner VK4FW <vk4fw@...>
Subject: [vkshires] latest poll
To: "vk shires" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Received: Thursday, 1 July, 2010, 6:44 PM

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properly.
Surely there needs to
be clarity on what you are suggesting as such.

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definition (under the terms of the contest) for a prtable station..... ..... I mean I can go portable from one shire or in fact I could go protable from 5 shires..... ..... and all that without being classed as a rover or mobile station.

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657. Poll results for vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-01 12:48:13 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 649 Message: 657

The following vkshires poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: How many major categories should we have in the contest ?

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- Home and Portable (2 Only), 1 votes, 8.33%
- Home, Portable and Rover (3 Separate), 11 votes, 91.67%

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658. Re: VK SHIRES NETS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-02 00:16:33 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 629 Message: 658

I had also offered to run nets, but was hoping for further instruction first but I can always just take the initiative and have a go either way. John, can you organise to run a net before Robert gets back?

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Robert D" <rjd@...> wrote:
>
> As advised previously, I will not be available for the first two weeks
> of July. (Available from 19th July 2010)
>
> If someone else is prepared to launch the nets (or even just one net)
> prior to 19/7/10 then I would be very happy for that to happen. If the
> nets have not launched when I return on 19/7/10 I will then attempt to
> organise dates & times. The frequencies have been previously advised
> (see below).
>
> Sorry but I have a prior commitment until 19/7/10 and will not have
> access to a radio until that date.
>
> cheers
>
> Robert - VK2VRD
>
>
> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "VK2MCI" <vk2mci@> wrote:
> >
> > Hi all,
> >
> > Maybe it's time to actually start a net and get hams "on air" to
> spread the word and get more involved to promote the VK Shires.
> >
> > Post a start date, frequency (hopefully at night)and I'll get
> involved.
> >
> > cheers,
> >
> > Ian de VK2MCI
> >
> > --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> > >
> > > We have two volunteers stepping forward for the VK Shires Nets..
> > >
> > > John VK5PO and Robert VK2VRD...
> > >
> > > The net frequencies will be
> > >

> > > 80m..... 3.580 ssb and 3.530 cw
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> > >
> > > If you would like to be a net controller please step forward.
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>

659. Re: VK SHIRES NETS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-02 00:17:47 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 629 Message: 659

Also, we can use the groups calendar to publicise details of the net date/time etc.

660. Re: latest poll

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-02 00:22:26 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 655 Message: 660

I interpret as follows:

Home = You're at your home QTH and that's it.

Portable = You're NOT at your home QTH.
- You're operating from an alternate operating location whether it be your own station equipment or another operators stations.
- What if you move between alternate operating locations? I guess then you are technically now a Rover / Mobile - see below.

Rover / Mobile = You're moving between shires, whether it be stay in the car and operator or setup an external antenna for a bit and operate etc. or you're activating multiple stations in different shires.

661. Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-04 06:14:07 UTC
From: vk2hv
Topic: 661 Message: 661

Why have a Rover,,i think there are only 3 categories that are needed.

Home Base
Portable
Mobile

An old saying of KISS......these are My Opinions so don't come back and BLAST me...

Paul vk2hv

662. Re: Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-04 07:52:36 UTC
From: vk7fway@y7mail.com
Topic: 661 Message: 662

My Opinion is that there should be 3 categories
Portable as long as you go potable out side your home shire
Home station
Mobile can work them again if there move shires
Vk7fway Wayne

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk2hv" <vk2hvpaul@...> wrote:
>
> Why have a Rover,,i think there are only 3 categories that are needed.
>
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> Mobile
>
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> Paul vk2hv
>

663. Re: [vkshires] Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-04 08:14:26 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 661 Message: 663

I think that the difference between a mobile station and a rover is that a mobile could simply be mobile within one shire whereas a rover is specifically a station who has moved between shires.
The rover concept is excellent.

73's

de Bill, VK4ZD

------------Original Message------------
From: "vk2hv" <vk2hvpaul@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sun, Jul-4-2010 4:14 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Shires

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http://www.eset.com

664. Re: Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-04 08:24:34 UTC
From: vk2hv
Topic: 661 Message: 664

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "VK4ZD"<vk4zd@...> wrote:
>
> I think that the difference between a mobile station and a rover is that a mobile could simply be mobile within one shire whereas a rover is specifically a station who has moved between shires.
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> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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>
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a mobile station in just 1 shire is acually portable for a better word

as i say...KISS and have 3 ONLY categories...Paul

665. Re: Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-04 21:47:44 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 661 Message: 665

OK thanks everyone for the input -

It is obvious to us all that definitions are extremely important..

The other side is that a a minor rule change can have big effects on results..

So the agreed format is

Fixed; - Home station

Portable; - temporary setup from one Shire only..NB unlike the John Moyle there is no requirement to use alternative power..

Rover; more than on shire can be mobile or anything that operated from more than one shire..

That will require no programming changes..

de VK4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk2hv" <vk2hvpaul@...> wrote:
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666. email 30.6.2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-04 22:58:53 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 666 Message: 666

On the 30.6.2010 I requested someone in authority to send me details to deposit monies that I am personally holding from the various sponsored categories.
I also requested that a document to odxg@... be sent requesting the release of vkshires.info url.

Nil received regarding the transfer of monies .
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President
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667. Re: email 30.6.2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-04 23:41:42 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 666 Message: 667

Bill,

Currently I am waiting for a response from a couple of clubs who are interested in taking part in the VK Shires programmes. As soon as they confirm involvement I will for their details to you to forward the monies to them.

VK4TI

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668. Re: [vkshires] Re: email 30.6.2010

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-04 23:45:54 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 666 Message: 668

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----- Original Message -----
From: VK4TI
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, July 05, 2010 9:41 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: email 30.6.2010

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--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Bill Horner VK4FW" <vk4fw@...> wrote:
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> On the 30.6.2010 I requested someone in authority to send me details to deposit monies that I am personally holding from the various sponsored categories.
> I also requested that a document to odxg@... be sent requesting the release of vkshires.info url.
>
> Nil received regarding the transfer of monies .
> Bill Horner VK4FW
> President
> Oceania Amateur Radio Dx Group Incorporated
> PO Box 612
> Childers, 4660
> Australia

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> PH 07 41266220
> Mobile 0428877551
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> www.odxg.org
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> skype : billvk4fw
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669. Good News for VK Shires Awards from VK2WAY

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-11 01:51:39 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 669 Message: 669

Good Morning,

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At our meeting tonight the exec have given the green light to look after the shires award.

We have a good webmaster that will design the website and host it on his server at no cost.

Shall I contact Bill and see if there is an award design already, I am sure there is as it has been awarded to people in the past.

I will need a copy of the rules also, I see that the site is now down, so we may have to start from scratch.

We look forward to the job,

Cheers
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Secretary Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2WAY
Ph. 0427 019 046

670. Good News for VK Shires Awards from VK2WAY

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Date: 2010-07-11 01:51:49 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 669 Message: 670

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671. Richard

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-07-17 05:28:22 UTC
From: Bill Horner VK4FW
Topic: 671 Message: 671

Richard from the club taking over the award, send me an email please with full bank details for deposit of funds, sorry but i can not find the email with this info here.

regards

Bill Horner VK4FW
PO Box 612
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Australia

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PH +61 7 41266220
Cell +61 428877551

skype : billvk4fw

672. vk shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-15 03:44:04 UTC
From: vk2hv
Topic: 672 Message: 672

I noticed that ODXG has collapsed,so who is going to run all now !!!!

I certainly hope it gets more interest compared to last year

Even the RD contest is lacking,,shame really

Where have all the contesters gone (sitting on the fence) :-)

Maybe all will go like the novice contest of old,,i hope not

673. Re: [vkshires] vk shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-15 04:07:03 UTC
From: John, VK5PO
Topic: 672 Message: 673

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Paul....please refrain from speculation.
John, VK5PO

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674. Re: vk shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-16 07:08:52 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 672 Message: 674

Hi Paul,

The VK Shires Award is being run by the Blue Mountains Radio Club and they are currently working on a new website and systems, -this hopefully will be ready for the contest results announcements in early September..but I am aware they have a major field day next weekend and a lot of man hours would be devoted to that..http://bmarc.org/content/winterfest

I (VK4TI) will continue running the VK Shires contest...

ODXG did not continue support for the awards and contest.

Regards

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675. Re: vk shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-16 10:07:45 UTC
From: vk2hv
Topic: 672 Message: 675

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Hi Trent,

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OK on odxg..all on their web page have gone !!!! anyway,we will continue with great support from the BMARC :-) :-)

676. Worked All VK Shires Award Website.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-18 13:09:24 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 676 Message: 676

The Worked All VK Shires Award website is now up and running, it is very basic at this point, but in the next month or so we will be adding more features, we hope to have an electric logging system where logs can be loaded to the system and checked off and members will be able to store logs online.

To view the site head to http://vkshires.cqcontest.org/

Cheers
Richard
VK2WAY

677. Re: vk shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-18 21:26:45 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 672 Message: 677

Hi Paul,
The Hunter Branch was a good get together (VK2AWX) - I am not sure but it think around 30 hams turned up..the site was at Luskintyre <http://www.luskintigers.com.au>
All up we made about 850 QSOs and it was an opportunity to catch up with some very good old friends..
Mark VK4ADX was there and I helped Mark get his FT980 going for the contest - a very nice old rig and we used that with my Emtron DX1B on forty with a low mounted inverted V. Used Heil Headsets and some very pleasing signal reports - biggest signal by far was a guy at Lochinvar (4 Km away) and Bill VK4ZD both around 40db over S9 on the meter
It does seem a bit quieter than the past but activity was still good..WAE CW was on at the same time.
Regards
Trent Vk4TI

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678. Re: vk shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-19 02:43:05 UTC
From: Alan Grant
Topic: 672 Message: 678

I have just read the message about the upcoming contest, it mentions electronic logs, which logs do you recommend, I guess that they will need to be compatible with the organisers

I need to organise one for my station but would like to be on the same page as the organisers

Regards

Alan Grant

VK4KO

asgrant@...

679. Re: vk shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-19 07:48:06 UTC
From: vk2hv
Topic: 672 Message: 679

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> VK4KO
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> asgrant@...
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adif is the best format to upload..is this the information you require

Paul

680. Re: Worked All VK Shires Award Website.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-19 10:29:22 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 676 Message: 680

That's a great start, I like the sleek and professional look.

681. Re: vk shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-19 10:49:40 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 672 Message: 681

Hi Alan

This is the web link to enter paper logs.. http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/vkshires_cab.php

The format we use is a format called cabrillo which is an international standard for contest log submission.

The loggers that support all aspects are

http://web.aanet.com.au/mnds/

http://www.qsl.net/w3km/gen_log.htm

http://www.ei5di.com/

and for Japanese Users there is CQ WIN TEST

http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~wxl/Downlod.html

The next contest is June Longweekend 2011

Regards

Trent VK4TI

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682. LOGS CLOSE TOMORROW FOR 2010 VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-08-30 12:48:06 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 682 Message: 682

Last chance to enter your logs for VK Shires 2010 is tomorrow..

73 Trent VK4TI

683. PileUP!

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-09-17 09:16:56 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 683 Message: 683

Could you spread the word that a new issue of PileUP! can be
downloaded
thru http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela/PU/PU.html

It's 68+5 pages, a lot of fun reading by 28 contributing hams.

684. Results 2010 VK-Shires out this Weekend

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-10-04 21:40:33 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 684 Message: 684

The results of the 2010 VK Shires will be released on Saturday 9th October and on the WIA broadcast Sunday.

Regards

VK4TI

685. Results 2010 VK-Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-10-07 21:48:52 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 685 Message: 685

CALL CLAIMED SCORE CW CONTACTS CLASS Single
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686. Re: Results 2010 VK-Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-10-07 21:55:16 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 685 Message: 686

Congratulations are in order for the award winners -

Catherine VK4GH won both the Single op and the Single Rover categories -

VK2IM for the second year has won the VK5NJ Trophy for the most CW contacts.

VK7FWAY put in a stellar performance to take top honours in the Foundation category.

VK4ZD (VK4HH) powered away with the Multi Two category - well done Bill and Dianne.

Mark VK4ADX went bush and set a new activation record for shires as well as second place in the Rover category.

Well Done all and thanks to everyone who entered and submitted a log See you all in 2011..

Trent VK4TI

687. Re: Results 2010 VK-Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-10-07 23:17:49 UTC
From: vk7fway@y7mail.com
Topic: 685 Message: 687

thanks Trent and everyone for working me great contest catch you all next year vk7fway Wayne

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688. Re: Results 2010 VK-Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-10-08 03:45:42 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 685 Message: 688

Hi Trent and congrates to the members below. Trent wondering that I might have been missed in dispatches should have been in the middle somewhere with my score, 53 contacts, 21 Multi's ect ect ect as per Log sent.

Cheers Paul VK4FPDW

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689. Re: Results 2010 VK-Shires - Sorry VK4FPDW

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-10-09 22:25:13 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 685 Message: 689

CALLSIGN: VK4FPDW
CONTEST: VK SHIRES
CATEGORY: VK SINGLE-OP ALL
CLAIMED-SCORE: 1188

Found it - I thought it must have been goobled up by the Log Checker programme - but it didn't get into it in the first place - A thousand apologies Paul...

Trent VK4TI...

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690. VK Shires results for AR magazine

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-10-12 11:17:52 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 690 Message: 690

Hi Trent and the group

I have to get the Contest column section into the WIA for the December issue of Amateur Radio by the November 1st deadline.

So if there’s going to be a summary of the results written, they need to be in to me by October 31. Considering this is CQWW SSB weekend, it’s best to get it in by the Friday beforehand, that’s when I’ll have the section finished. By 10:00 am Monday November 1 I’ll be a sleep deprived zombie :)

If there’s no write up, that’s fine, I can just use the latest corrected published results on this email group from a couple of days ago.

73s de Craig VK4LDX / VK8PDX
ARContest column editor

691. PHOTO'S FOR VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-10-22 22:21:02 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 691 Message: 691

Hi everyone,

I am doing up the article for the WIA magazine -

Could everyone who has photos of their VK Shires activities please forward them to me ?

Use the vk4ti@... email please...

Regards

Trent VK4TI

692. Papakura Sprint tonight

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-11-06 01:11:48 UTC
From: vk4gh
Topic: 692 Message: 692

Here is some info about the Papakura Sprint which is on tonight, and the CW version next week.

Papakura Phone Sprint tonite...

1000 - 1100 UTC....

80m 3550 ~ up

To view rules.. click on this link ...
http://www.qsl.net/zl1vk/PRCClubActivityPage/clubactivity.html

Please email logs (any format) where possible to prc@...

Papakura CW Sprint next Saturday nite.

Catherine VK4GH

693. hi

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-12-14 11:38:46 UTC
From: Chris Megaw
Topic: 693 Message: 693

Hi , what is up ?
Christmas is drawing near , have you got any idea about the gifts ?
What about a good electric product ?
There is good news I want to share . For a long time , I want to buy a laptop , one that is high quality but low price . This morning I got my laptop , just one week after I put the order on the site (www.olcekn0.com) .
The company Olcekn has many kinds of electric products , like mobile phones , TV , Games , and so on . All of the products are original and brand new . You can see it yourself in your spare time . I believe you won't disappoint and get some surprises . The laptop I get is really high quality and it arrives me so quickly . Hope you can get what you want on the site , too .
Best regard

694. MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-12-17 22:42:57 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 694 Message: 694

Compliments of the season to all -

Certainly looks like ten metres is showing some life and these high bands are really starting to fire...

For those living in the great south east - dont forget the get together on the 29th December at Ipswich Jets

Trent VK4TI

695. Re: MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-12-17 23:34:00 UTC
From: Dale
Topic: 694 Message: 695

Trent,

Season's Greetings to you and all on the group. Where is the "Great South East"? I guess somewhere south of Mackay Hi Hi!

73 - Good DX & "Travel well"
Dale - VK4DMC / VK4SIX - in Far North Queensland where the real DX happens.
Station details at www.qrz.com

Remember, this is only a hobby, "be constructive and not destructive"
and make it a pleasant experience for everyone.

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The views I present are that of my own and NOT of any organisation I may belong to.

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>

696. Re: [vkshires] MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-12-17 23:47:49 UTC
From: Tom Hatton
Topic: 694 Message: 696

Trent,
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, To all from us at Dingo Hill (Gailes)

Tom VK4ATH -.-

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From: "vk4ti@..." <vk4ti@...>
To: VKCC <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>; VK SHIRES <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>; oceaniadxcontest@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Sat, 18 December, 2010 8:42:57 AM
Subject: [vkshires] MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Compliments of the season to all -

Certainly looks like ten metres is showing some life and these high bands are really starting to fire...

For those living in the great south east - dont forget the get together on the 29th December at Ipswich Jets

Trent VK4TI

697. merry xmas to all

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2010-12-19 06:38:50 UTC
From: Neil Shand
Topic: 697 Message: 697

A very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2011 to all in the group
I will be out at my 2nd home Goondiwindi for 2 weeks over that time
hope to work some portable hf while out there.
Cheers from Neil vk4fhyh

698. NEW Issue of Pile Up Is available -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-01-03 11:53:26 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 698 Message: 698

http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela/PU/PU.html
Great article about the Lance Armstrong of Contesting N5TJ - Enjoy
Trent VK4TI

699. VK Shires Contest Certificates.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-01-06 20:43:52 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 699 Message: 699

Certificates have been sent to the winners of each catagory for the 2010 VK Shires Contest. If you have not received your certificate or it has arrived damaged please let me know and I will send another copy.

Sorry about the delay, there was a little confusion and we had to come up with a new design for the certificate.

Dont forget to check out the website at http://vkshires.cqcontest.org

We will endevout to get some photos up on the site soon.

Cheers
Richard

700. VK2 Shires this weekend

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-01-28 10:38:55 UTC
From: vk4gh
Topic: 700 Message: 700

John and I are off to Coffs Harbour in the morning to visit the Hamfest on Sunday, and to try out the new camper. On Saturday, on the way down I am hoping to make a contact from Tweed Shire and Byron Shire, and then later Bellingen Shire, so that I can add them to my list of shires worked. Listen out on 7080 or thereabouts.
Catherine VK4GH

701. Call sign upgrade

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-02-21 23:30:03 UTC
From: vk7net
Topic: 701 Message: 701

Hi all for the people that don't know i have upgraded my call was vk7fway know vk7net 73s vk7net Wayne

702. RE: [vkshires] Call sign upgrade

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-02-21 23:42:14 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 701 Message: 702

Congratulations Wayne!

73 lyn VK4SWE

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of vk7net
Sent: Tuesday, 22 February 2011 9:30 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Call sign upgrade

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Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
Version: 10.0.1204 / Virus Database: 1435/3456 - Release Date: 02/20/11

703. Re: [vkshires] Call sign upgrade

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-02-22 08:34:43 UTC
From: Mark Cederblad
Topic: 701 Message: 703

Well done, I shall miss hearing VK7FWAY on air though, hihi!

Mark-vk4adx/2

From: vk7net <vk7net@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, 22 February, 2011 10:30:03 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Call sign upgrade

Hi all for the people that don't know i have upgraded my call was vk7fway know vk7net 73s vk7net Wayne

704. Re: [vkshires] Call sign upgrade

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-02-22 09:25:46 UTC
From: Tom Hatton
Topic: 701 Message: 704

Hi Wayne,
Well done, Catch you soon.
Tom VK4ATH -.-

From: Mark Cederblad <vk4adx@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, 22 February, 2011 12:34:43 AM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Call sign upgrade

Well done, I shall miss hearing VK7FWAY on air though, hihi!

Mark-vk4adx/2

From: vk7net <vk7net@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Tue, 22 February, 2011 10:30:03 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Call sign upgrade

Hi all for the people that don't know i have upgraded my call was vk7fway know vk7net 73s vk7net Wayne

705. on our way to Wyong

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-02-24 22:37:29 UTC
From: vk4gh
Topic: 705 Message: 705

today Friday I will be activating glen inns and guyra shires. on Saturday we drive thru uralla walcha and gloucester shires. hope to make some contacts for the shires award. Catherine vk4gh

706. Moving QTH - NEW Contest Organiser Needed....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-03-02 20:57:03 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 706 Message: 706

Greeting All,

We are moving the VK4TI QTH to the Sunshine Coast and this will be a year of a lot of turbulence.

Is anyone interested in running the VK Shires for 2011 ? I feel I may not be able to give the contest the normal promotions and don't want it to drop in intensity -

It could be an individual or a club to take up the reins - I will be available in 2012 but just think that this year may be too much distraction..

Regards

Trent VK4TI

Specific Duties are -

Promotion via - WIA Broadcast, VK Logger, VK Ham, Google Groups,International via Radiosport dot net ARRL NZART etc

Answering Rules interpretations

Updating contest logger writers on any rule changes

Collating logs , running log checker programme after the contest , adjudicating the submission of late logs etc,

Submitting to WIA the contest report for inclusion by the WIA Contest Editor

and thats about it...

707. NEW CONTEST TEAM Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-03-06 02:27:07 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 707 Message: 707

The 2011 VK Shires will be handled by the team from Blue Mountains Radio Club - Secretary Richard Neilson VK2WAY has taken up the challenge in an email to VK Shires -

"I have spoken to Andrew, he is the guy that has made the website for the shires award. He seems confident that we could handle the contest this year also. He would have to set up an email address for the log submision. Advertising with the WIA, VK Logger, and various other sites isnt a problem.

I think that between us we could handle most problems.

If you have the log checking software all should be pretty easy after that.

Cheers

Richard Neilsen
Secretary Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2WAY "

708. 2011 rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-04-30 10:15:35 UTC
From: Mark
Topic: 708 Message: 708

Hi team,
Is there a specific set of rules yet with regard to (WRT) operation in the VKShires contest for 2011 and when is it likely to be promulgated?

We are in the advanced stages of logistical planning for our campaign and are ready to fix certain aspects in concrete and require the current rule to lock planning in place.

Our team is anticipating an exciting and challenging operation this year and look forward to working as many of you as we can. We also look forward to working the "olde favorites" we got to work last year.

Kind regards, Mark - VK4ADX/2

On behalf of:
VK4ADX/2;
VK2ZWZ; and
VK2LBT.

709. Re: [vkshires] 2011 rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-05-02 10:20:09 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 708 Message: 709

All the rules for the VK Shires Contest will remain the same as in previous years.

Cheers
Richard Neilsen
VK2WAY

710. Re: [vkshires] 2011 rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-05-03 00:04:51 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 708 Message: 710

Hi Richard

Thanks for that.
Kindly provide the link for the current location of the rules.

73's

de Bill, VK4ZD

------------Original Message------------
From: "Richard Neilsen" <richardneilsen@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Mon, May-2-2011 8:20 PM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] 2011 rules

All the rules for the VK Shires Contest will remain the same as in previous years.

Cheers
Richard Neilsen
VK2WAY

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The message was checked by ESET NOD32 Antivirus.

http://www.eset.com

711. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-05-05 22:27:48 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 711

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /2011 Australian Shires Contest Rules.doc
Uploaded by : vk4ti <vk4ti@...>
Description : RULES 2011

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/2011%20Australian%20Shires%20Contest%20Rules.doc

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.html
Regards,

vk4ti <vk4ti@...>

712. Re: New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-05-05 22:30:30 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 4 Message: 712

NB the ONLY variation in 2011 is the time allowed to submit a log - this has been reduced to early July - with everyone using PC loggers this should not be a problem..

Regards

Trent VK4TI

New QTH 288 Main road Kuluin Sunshine Coast 4558

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, vkshires@yahoogroups.com wrote:
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> Hello,
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> This email message is a notification to let you know that
> a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
> group.
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> File : /2011 Australian Shires Contest Rules.doc
> Uploaded by : vk4ti <vk4ti@...>
> Description : RULES 2011
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> You can access this file at the URL:
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/2011%20Australian%20Shires%20Contest%20Rules.doc
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> To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
> http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.html
> Regards,
>
> vk4ti <vk4ti@...>
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713. FULL RULES FOR THOSE WITHOUT MS WORD

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-05-15 23:42:53 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 713 Message: 713

The Australian Shires Contest
Held the weekend prior to the second Monday of June every year.

Starts: 06.00 UTC Saturday, June 11, 2011
Ends: 06.00 UTC Sunday, June 12, 2011
I. Contest Period: 24 hours for all stations, all categories.
II. Objectives: The objectives of this contest are for amateurs around the world to contact as many VK shires as possible in the contest period. IE. VK amateurs are to work the world including VK, whilst the rest of the world can only work VK
III.
A) Bands:. 80 Metres 3.500 - 3.700 MHz, 40 Metres 7.000 - 7.250 MHz, 20 Metres 14.000 - 14.300 MHz, 15 Metres 21.000 - 21.350 MHz, 10 Metres 28.000 - 28.600 MHz.
Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted for VK stations which means the rest of the world can operate above 3.700 mhz. ie. split operation
B) Modes: SSB and CW only
IV. Class of Competition:
For all categories:
Transmitters and receivers for a fixed station must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater.
If you are a member of a multi op team you can not partake in the contest as an individual in any way. Please note that you are permitted to have up to two transmitted signals going simultaneously.
All contest operation must be within operator's licence restrictions and conditions, eg power output, bands used, etc.
Single OP stations are only permitted one transmitted signal at a time.

No operator is permitted to use more than one callsign for the entirety of the contest.

A Rover station is a VK station who goes either portable or mobile for the entirety of the contest. Please note that all portable equipment can not be set up prior to the Friday preceding the contest and no earlier than at 00.01utc. The Rover who moves into a new SHIRE may count the same MULTIPLIER more than once per band as long as the Rover is in a new SHIRE location. Such change in location must be clearly indicated in the log.
IE. A Rover station becomes a new QSO to the stations working them when that STATION changes SHIRE locator.
Please note that in all categories below you may change band and mode as often as you like. You may also work the same station multiple consecutive bands/modes one behind the other. EG work VK4FW on 20m SSB then qsy to 15m CW then qsy to 80m CW then qsy to 40m SSB etc

1. VK Single ☐ OP All Band Rover: Single operator(s) must do all contest related things by themself.
2. VK Multi ☐ Two All Band Rover : Is 2 or more operators with maximum of two transmitted signals at any one time. This category MUST USE Software CONTEST LOGGERS. All operators must be fully listed when the log is submitted.
3. VK Single Op All Band .. same conditions as number 1 above
4. VK Multi ☐ Two All Band . same conditions as number 2 above
5. VK Single Op Foundation: Is a VK foundation licensee who must do all contest related things by themself..

6. DX Single Op□All Band .. Is a single op who must do all contest related things by themself..

V. Exchange: All VK operators to exchange callsign, RST followed by the VK shire abbreviation as per the official list provided . EG VK4FW 59BU4 or 599BU4
Stations outside VK to exchange callsign, RST followed by CQ ZONE.
EG. ZL1AMO 5932 or 59932

VI. Multipliers: For stations outside VK : The multiplier is the number of different VK shires worked per band. A "VK shire" is counted once per band per mode. IE. If you work it on SSB it can be counted again on CW .To enter the contest you must have worked at least one VK Shire □
VII. For VK Stations: The multiplier is each VK shire worked per band and mode as above as well as each CQ Zone worked per band and mode .
VIII. NB. VARIATION FOR ROVER STATIONS. ROVERS CAN REWORK FROM MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
IX..
. Scoring: One (1) point per QSO. ..
Multiply total QSO points times total number of multipliers worked (ie. If you worked 33 on 80m, 43 on 40m , 16 on 20m, 21 on 15m and 5 on 10m that would be a total of 118)
Example 1. VK4FW works stations as follows:
600 qsos x 1 point = 600points
118 vk shires worked + 35 cq zones worked = 153
600 x 153= 91,800
VK4FW final score is 91,800
Example 2. ZL1AMO works stations as follows:
700 qsos with VK amateurs x 1 point = 700
118 VK shires work
700 x 118 = 82,600
Zl1AMO final score is 82,600

X Awards: VK Stations : Certificates suitable for framing will be awarded to the top scoring stations in each category as well as place getters depending on entries received. A minimum of 50 qsos must be made to be eligible to receive a certificate.
Stations Outside VK : Certificates suitable for framing will be awarded to the top scoring stations in each category as well as place getters depending on entries received for each continent.
** please note we hope to be able to award a minimum of 4 certificates per category.
The various categories have been sponsored for the next three years by the following operators (till 2011). We thank them very much.
1. VK Single Op .. kindly donated by VK4KW, Phil Smeaton
2. VK Multi Two . kindly donated by VK4VCC, Laurie Porter
3. VK Single Op Foundation .. kindly donated by VK2DX, Nick Hacko
4. VK Single Op Rover kindly donated by VK6HZ, John Ferrington
5. VK Multi Two Rover kindly donated by VK4TI, Trent Sampson
6. DX Single Op as below
a) North America kindly donated by VK8PDX, Craig Edwards
b) South America kindly donated by VK4NDX, Dave Clifford
c) Asia kindly donated by VK4KYL and VK4ZD, Diane and Bill Main
d) Europe kindly donated by VK4HAM, Andrew Munson
e) Africa .. kindly donated by VK3VTH, Tony Hambling
f) Oceania .. kindly donated by VK2VRD, Robert Duck

7) The VK5NJ Trophy: Will be awarded to the station who makes the highest number of CW qsos during the contest no matter what category they are in. Please note this has nil to do with actual points and multipliers, it is strictly the actual number of CW qsos made.

8) Most Valued Contester(s): The administration will award this trophy to the person(s) that they feel has done the very best they could for the betterment of the contest. This may be in the form of a club activation of a remote shire for example or a person traveling to the most shires - ultimately it will be to those who the administration feels did the best to add value to a particular years contest.

XI . Miscellaneous: An operator may sign only one callsign during the contest. This means that an operator cannot generate QSOs by first signing his callsign, then signing his daughter's callsign, even though both callsigns are assigned to the same location.
If in fact a fixed VK station is located on the border of more than one VK shire, they must choose only one VK shire from which to operate from.
Utilising the various internet dx clusters etc is permitted however ANY FORM OF SOLICITED OR SELF SPOTTING INCLUDING CLUB MEMBERS SPOTTING CLUB OPERATIONS WILL RESULT IN NIL RESULT OF THE LOG.

ANY use by an entrant of any non-amateur means including, but not limited to, telephones, email, Internet, Instant Messenger, chat rooms, VOIP, or the use of packet to SOLICIT, ARRANGE, or CONFIRM any contacts during the contest is unsportsmanlike and the entry is subject to disqualification.

Aeronautical mobile or maritime mobile contacts do not count.
UTC is the required logging time.
XII . Log Submissions: Log entries must be submitted by July 1, 2011 to be eligible for awards. Submit your electronic log in the Cabrillo format created by all major logging programs. Send via e-mail attachment to vk4ti@...
. Subject line: Callsign [used in the contest] only. SINGLE OP stations may submit a paper log, only if they make less than 100 qsos.
VK entrants are reminded to be sure their log indicates their VK shire location. If you go portable or mobile the log must clearly define where you changed location.
Computer-generated logs must be e-submitted. Callsigns of electronic logs received are posted and updated regularly on the website.

Any queries or enquiries please email vk4ti@...

714. Michael VK2YC MK4

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-05-23 03:34:36 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 714 Message: 714

Michael VK2YC is currently active in McKinlay Shire MK4 for the next couple of weeks.

email for skeds is michaelcorbin@...

VK4TI

715. EMAIL ADDRESS FOR LOGS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-06 07:19:34 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 715 Message: 715

Greetings

For Logs in the 2011 Contest please forward to vk4ti@... Due date is 1st July 2011

Thanks

Trent VK4TI

716. 2011 Shire Contest - VK4WAT will be in Etheridge Shire (QLD)

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-07 02:22:22 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 716 Message: 716

Gary - VK4FD & I are going to be in the township of Mount Surprise in a rare one, Etheridge Shire in Nth QLD on or near the the following frequencies as VK4WAT/P.
3.615MHz
7.135Mhz
14.190MHz
21.245MHz
28.450MHz
+/- QRM of course.

We will be operating using a combination of beam & wire antennas + Elecraft K3 rigs and Elecraft's wonderous new KPA500 Amplifier.

See you all on the air!
73 de
Jeff Cochrane - VK4BOF

717. Re: Questions about VK shires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-07 20:48:25 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 717 Message: 717

Hi David,
Thanks for the enquiry
The best and easiest way to compete is to down load one of the supporting logging programmes and use them -
VKCL http://web.aanet.com.au/mnds/ (no Voice or CW keyer in built but Rig Freq info Supported)

W3KM http://www.qsl.net/w3km/gen_log.htm (supports CW keying and SSB Messages no rig freq info support)

SD Logger http://www.ei5di.com/ (shareware supports CW keying and SSB Messages and rig freq support)
Japanese Language
CQTESTWIN http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~wxl/Downlod.html(freeware but I don't read Japanese - think it supports everything)
By using a logging programme your score is tallied automatically and it creates a log in the format we need to score the contest..
Shire or Municipality as long as there is a relevant code - National Parks count as the Shire they are located inside..
Morse Question..
My opinion is : Most contesters use computers to send the morse I would suggest around 20 to 25 wpm = the use of Wide Band decoders such as Skimmer is generally frowned upon as assistance but to use Skimmer in Narrow Mode is fine..in wide band mode Skimmer with an SDR can decode ALL signals in the CW spectrum of any band..personally I see nothing wrong with that other than it saves time jumping up and down the band and working people, but the majority feel that this is the same as having a friend finding the extra contacts- the technology has created a fine line.
Regards
Trent VK4TI
cc Copy to VK Shiresand VKCC yahoo group so people are aware of the valid points you raise.

--- On Tue, 7/6/11, David Basden <david@...> wrote:

From: David Basden <david@...>
Subject: Questions about VK shires contest
To: vk4ti@wia.org.au
Received: Tuesday, 7 June, 2011, 11:07 PM

Hi there,

I haven't participated in a contest before, but thought that
I would have a go with the VK shires contest this weekend. I
just have a couple of questions; Please excuse me if they are
rather obvious...

Firstly, although it's obviously the Shires contest, there is a list of shires and municipalities posted alongside the rules. Is it only areas with "Shire" in the name that are counted as shires, or is it any municipality listed? If it is only shires that are counted, would I still use the locator of my local city council in exchanges?

My other question was on ettiqute using computer assistance for CW. Although my morse is pretty lacking, is it considered impolite / unsportsmanlike to use computer software to decode and transmit morse in contests? (otherwise, I'll just stick to SSB).

Cheers,

David
VK2ZDB

718. RE: [vkshires] EMAIL ADDRESS FOR LOGS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 04:36:37 UTC
From: Paul Weir
Topic: 715 Message: 718

Hi Trent hows the quad going.

Cheers Paul

To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
From: vk4ti@...
Date: Mon, 6 Jun 2011 07:19:34 +0000
Subject: [vkshires] EMAIL ADDRESS FOR LOGS

Greetings

For Logs in the 2011 Contest please forward to vk4ti@....au Due date is 1st July 2011

Thanks

Trent VK4TI

719. Re: EMAIL ADDRESS FOR LOGS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 06:23:23 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 715 Message: 719

SSHHH Paul...every one will want one...

It's in a shed at the moment - we moved QTH to the Sunshine Coast and are renting for twelve months...its got a nice resting spot and I have some plastic coated steel wire on a green wind up thing for the elements..

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Paul Weir <weiry66@...> wrote:
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> Hi Trent hows the quad going.
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> Cheers Paul
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> To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> From: vk4ti@...
> Date: Mon, 6 Jun 2011 07:19:34 +0000
> Subject: [vkshires] EMAIL ADDRESS FOR LOGS
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> Trent VK4TI
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720. Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 07:43:06 UTC
From: vk4gh
Topic: 720 Message: 720

We are off to Pretty Gully again in nthn NSW in the Tenterfield Shire TD2. I don't know why, weather forecast rain Saturday, rain Sunday, showers Monday, and top temp not over 15 deg. We want to try the 2 sets of spaced dipoles at right angles to each other for DX again. Hopefully next year we will try something new.
Catherine

721. Re: Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 08:04:52 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 720 Message: 721

Sounds Great Catherine,

I will be QRV from the Sunshine Coast SC4...with an inverted V Multiband dipole and a couple of other antenna...

Trent VK4TI

Rigs - Will be FT2000 and FT950 using VKCL -

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk4gh" <vk4gh@...> wrote:
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> Catherine
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722. Re: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 13:25:15 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 720 Message: 722

I'll be operating from home, Macedon Ranges Shire MR3.
As I'm working Sat and Sun, I will be on only for Saturday evening,
probably just 80m.
Will be happy to give out numbers on CW and SSB.
73,
Luke VK3HJ

723. Re: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 13:44:59 UTC
From: vk7net
Topic: 720 Message: 723

I'll be operating from home Devonport dc7 vk7net Wayne

724. Re: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 14:28:57 UTC
From: Richard
Topic: 720 Message: 724

I will be operating from home this year also.

BL2, hope to catch a few.

Cheers

Richard Neilsen
President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2BO
0427019046

On 8/06/2011 11:44 PM, vk7net wrote:
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> I'll be operating from home Devonport dc7 vk7net Wayne
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725. RE: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 19:55:32 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 720 Message: 725

I'm busy this weekend putting some permanent antennas up at a scout camp.

If the weather is good and we progress well I'll be on from Cardinia CS3.

If the weather is bad then I probably won't be on at all.

73
Peter VK3ZPF
http://vk3zpf.blogspot.com/

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726. Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 20:19:41 UTC
From: Mark
Topic: 720 Message: 726

We will be operating a portable multi-two from SS2 Singleton, signing VK2ZWZ. Rob VK2ZWZ is still not well enough for a mobile juaunt around VK2land so we are staying closer to home.

We will operate all HF bands but will observe a 2359hr to 0530hr curfew due to family considerations.

Good luck to all and we hope to catch on air.

73's VK4ADX/2

727. Re: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 22:44:48 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 720 Message: 727

After being severely washed out in the John Moyle, I'm staying home this time. 100mm of rain and high winds forecast for sunny Qld which puts a stop on our planned multi-2 Rover.

(See our washed out JMMFD pics etc, at www.lvrec.org and click on 'Activities' then 'JMFD2011'.)

Have fun and hope to put u in the log.

Cheers
Alan, VK4SN from LV4

From: vk7net <vk7net@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wednesday, 8 June 2011 11:44 PM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

I'll be operating from home Devonport dc7
vk7net Wayne

728. Re: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 22:46:59 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 720 Message: 728

I will be at home QTH, limited operating time due work, (there should be a Q code for that!) but will try to get on as much as I can to give out our Shire = Mornington MG4. SSB and CW, 40m, 20m.

lyn VK4SWE

729. RE: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 22:53:47 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 720 Message: 729

To Catherine: Good Luck! I hope the wx is kind, but do get photos even if huddled in a tent again! Hpe to catch you on air -

lyn VK4SWE

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of vk4gh
Sent: Wednesday, 8 June 2011 5:43 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

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Catherine

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730. Re: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-08 23:36:13 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 720 Message: 730

Hi All

After moving back to the NT last month I put the Spiderbeam up last weekend. Not quite enough room for the entire antenna so a couple of its legs had to be pulled off hi hi. So instead of 20m (3 elements), 15m (3 elements) and 10m (4 elements), I have 20m (1 element), 15m (3 elements) and 10m (3 elements) up 10m high. This weekend's project is to get the SteppIR BigIR vertical up and working - depending on the rainy weather we're having here in central Australia.

So while I won't be competing in the contest, I hope to give a few Alice Springs AS8 multipliers out on 10-20, or maybe even 40 and 80 if I get the vertical up in time - depending on the weather.

73s de Craig VK8PDX

From: vk4gh <vk4gh@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, 8 June, 2011 5:13:06 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

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Catherine

731. Re: Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-09 01:08:43 UTC
From: al_mcdivitt
Topic: 720 Message: 731

Hi All
I will be on for North Lakes Morten Bay Shire MB4 Using a stealth vertical (# read hidden no antenna rented house) Hope I can work some of you Good Luck 73 AL VK4BL

732. balonne shire bl4

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-09 01:11:12 UTC
From: Neil Shand
Topic: 732 Message: 732

G/day to all I will be working portable from Balonne Shire BL4
will be out at Nindigully near the pub which is about two hours
west of Goondiwindi GI4
Cheers Neil vk4fhyh

733. Re: Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-09 01:30:11 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 720 Message: 733

Hi Lyn,

We went past your QTH at about 35,000 ft last week on the way to the WIA AGM, pilot wasn't interested in dropping the 737 on the strip..Hope to hear you on air..

Trent VK4TI
--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn" <lyn@...> wrote:
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> I will be at home QTH, limited operating time due work, (there should be a Q
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> Shire = Mornington MG4. SSB and CW, 40m, 20m.
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> lyn VK4SWE
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734. RE: [vkshires] Re: Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-09 03:45:14 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 720 Message: 734

Hi Trent! RRR on the pilot not landing 737 on our 1200m strip - he might have landed, but would have trouble getting off again hi! Next time you are up there, ask pilot if you can give us a call on aircraft VHF 126.4 - we have a base station radio (Sweers Ground or YSWE) and quite often get calls from pilots who started off their careers with local charter companies.

Hpe to hear you on the weekend,

lyn VK4SWE/VK4EI

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of VK4TI
Sent: Thursday, 9 June 2011 11:30 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Where will everyone be?

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> lyn VK4SWE
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735. Re: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-09 06:00:48 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 720 Message: 735

Hello Craig

Welcome back to Paradise Hi Hi

If I get the time I'll probably operate from home in PC8.

Regards
Peter
VK8HPB

From: Craig Edwards <vk8pdx@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, 9 June, 2011 9:06:13 AM
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

Hi All

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73s de Craig VK8PDX

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To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Wed, 8 June, 2011 5:13:06 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Where will everyone be?

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Catherine

Craig

736. Re: Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-09 06:40:41 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 720 Message: 736

I plan to rove using a vertical. I will operate mostly on 80/40 somewhere near the VK-shires recommended frequencies on both SSB and CW - CW might be a little raw.

These are shires that I might operate from:
Shire Code
Golden Plains Shire GP3
Shire of Pyrenees PS3
City of Ballarat BT3
Shire of Hepburn HS3
Shire of Central Goldfields CG3
Shire of Mount Alexander MA3
City of Greater Bendigo GB3
Shire of Lodden LS3
Shire of Buloke BU3
Shire of Northern Grampians NG3
Rural City of Ararat AR3

737. Re: Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-09 06:44:08 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 720 Message: 737

Something strange happened with my previous posting, but anyway, this is where I will operate from (hopefully most of these)
Shire Code
Golden Plains Shire GP3
Shire of Pyrenees PS3
City of Ballarat BT3
Shire of Hepburn HS3
Shire of Central Goldfields CG3
Shire of Mount Alexander MA3
City of Greater Bendigo GB3
Shire of Lodden LS3
Shire of Buloke BU3
Shire of Northern Grampians NG3
Rural City of Ararat AR3

The NG3 activation is planned for early Sunday afternoon from a national park.

I will operate SSB and around 15wpm CW around the VK-shires suggested frequencies.

Regards,
Wayne VK3WAM

738. Re: Where will everyone be?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-09 09:10:53 UTC
From: vk2ttl
Topic: 720 Message: 738

Hi,

I will be at home location as in past years.
Holroyd HD2
Locator: QF56LE, (Dining Table)

Will be using my spider on 80/40/20/15/10m
Will try & put up some helically wound verticals as well for comparisons
etc ,
on 80m, 40m, 20m -80&40 with top hats

Using my trusty Kenwood TS440S
I probibly won't be on after midnight till breakfast

Hope to hear you all then.
Otherwise I'm on nets Tues 8pm 3543, Wed 8pm 3625

Thanks from
Rhod
VK2TTL

BMARC Member
WIA Member

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk4gh" <vk4gh@...> wrote:
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TD2. I don't know why, weather forecast rain Saturday, rain Sunday,
showers Monday, and top temp not over 15 deg. We want to try the 2 sets
of spaced dipoles at right angles to each other for DX again. Hopefully
next year we will try something new.
> Catherine
>

739. Proposed operations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-09 09:15:50 UTC
From: vk3vth
Topic: 739 Message: 739

Hi Folks,
If all goes to Plan and I dont get washed away I will be Portable at the Gunbower National Park...Campaspe Shire CA3 on Saturday and towards the end of the Contest on Sunday I hope to be camped at Barmah National Park ....Shire of Moira MO3.
2 new National Parks to be activated for the Amateur Radio Victoria Keith Roget Memorial National Parks Award.

http://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

(Monday I will be activating the Lower Goulburn National Park also)

Hope to work you!

73 Tony VK3VTH

740. Re: [CQ-Conte] VK SHIRES

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-11 21:21:08 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 740 Message: 740

Thanks for that Bruce - very much appreciated
Trent VK4TI
--- On Sun, 12/6/11, Bruce Horn <bhorn@...> wrote:

From: Bruce Horn <bhorn@hornucopia.com>
Subject: Re: [CQ-Contest] VK SHIRES
To: vk4ti@...
Received: Sunday, 12 June, 2011, 2:26 AM

Hi Trent,

The Web-to-Cabrillo form to convert manual logs for the 2011 edition of the VK Shires contest is now available at:
http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/vkshires_cab.php

73 de Bruce, WA7BNM (bhorn@...)

----- Original Message -----
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
To: "cq contest" <cq-contest@...>
Cc: "VKCC" <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 3:04:58 PM
Subject: Re: [CQ-Contest] VK SHIRES

Logging SoftwareVKCL http://web.aanet.com.au/mnds/

W3KM http://www.qsl.net/w3km/gen_log.htm

SD Logger http://www.ei5di.com/

CQTESTWIN http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~wxl/Downlod.html
--- On Fri, 10/6/11, vk4ti@... <vk4ti@...> wrote:

From: vk4ti@... <vk4ti@yahoo.com>
Subject: [CQ-Contest] VK SHIRES
To: "cq contest" <cq-contest@contesting.com>
Cc: "VKCC" <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>
Received: Friday, 10 June, 2011, 10:40 PM

Hey Guys and Girls,
This weekend is the third running of the VK Shires Contest
- http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/wavks/
There will be VK stations running around on 80 through ten looking for CQ Zones as well as giving out VK Shires for the VK shires Award -
Of interest this contest does not allow75M DX window contacts - but don't let that stop you - VK Stations will be in the Extra class SSB window between 3.500 and 3.700 and on both CW and SSB
Exchange is simple VK stations want to hear 5NN(CQ ZONE) or 59(CQ ZONE) and they will give

you an exchange like 5NN30 SC4 (well I will) this means Signal report Zone 30 Sunshine Coast Shire 4 (Queensland) Inside VK Contact will be 59SC4...
Stations can be worked on SSB and CW for Multiplier credit ON EACH BAND..
Start time is 06:00 UTC for 24 hours - lets get down and party !!!!.
Cheers Hope to hear you on air
Trent VK4TI

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CQ-Contest mailing list
CQ-Contest@...
http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/cq-contest
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741. Tatiara Shire?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-11 23:11:13 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 741 Message: 741

I came across Brenton VK5BM mobile in Keith... I looked it up to find Tatiara Shire Council but could not find it in the list and thus can't log it properly?

Help?
:)

Cheers,
Dave

742. Re: Tatiara Shire?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-11 23:35:09 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 741 Message: 742

Thats a good one and looks like one we missed - please log it as another VK5 Shire that you havent worked and we will sort it out after the contest

Please make a not on your submission

Trent VK4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk3ldr" <vk3ldr@...> wrote:
>
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>
> Help?
> :)
>
> Cheers,
> Dave
>

743. Weipa Town Authority

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-13 02:54:41 UTC
From: Dale
Topic: 743 Message: 743

Trent et al,

A station was operating from Weipa on Cape York Peninsula Queensland.

The town of Weipa is known as the Weipa Town Authority and is not in either Cook or the Napranum Aboriginal Shire areas. It is a seperate entity under the Queensland Shires listing. As it is not listed in the VK4 shires list just how do we claim a station worked in this Local Government Area?

Dale VK4DMC.

744. Re: Weipa Town Authority

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-13 03:32:42 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 743 Message: 744

Dale and Dale,

I checked the correspondence you forwarded in 2009 regarding Weipa and cant find a reason to change that stance - Weipa is still part of the surrounding shire for our award purposes we leave it to the operator to nominate which area he is inside...

Regards

Trent VK4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Dale" <vk4dmc@...> wrote:
>
> Trent et al,
>
> A station was operating from Weipa on Cape York Peninsula Queensland.
>
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> Dale VK4DMC.
>

745. RE: [vkshires] Re: Weipa Town Authority

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-13 03:39:10 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 743 Message: 745

Dale & Trent:

FYI - Weipa is as far as I know the only place left in Queensland, if not all of Australia, that is NOT part of a Shire - we were too, until the recent amalgamations when they dragged us kicking and screaming into Mornington Shire hi (though I am sure all the Shires collectors are glad they did hi). Gus VK4? is probably the best authority on that one!

cheers, hope you all had fun on the weekend

lyn VK4SWE MG4

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of VK4TI
Sent: Monday, 13 June 2011 1:33 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Weipa Town Authority

Dale and Dale,

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Regards

Trent VK4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com <mailto:vkshires%40yahoogroups.com> , "Dale" <vk4dmc@...> wrote:
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746. VKCL NOTICE FROM MIKE VK3AVV

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-13 11:14:26 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 746 Message: 746

FROM MIKE ONE OF THE GREAT SUPPORTERS OF THE VK SHIRES CONTEST..

Somewhere between last year and this year, a bug has crept into the CABRILLO output routine, causing the CLAIMED_SCORE for VK Shires contest to be output as 0 rather than the value shown on the logging screen. Many people will probably not notice that, so you will get quite a few VKCL logs with 0 claimed score. I hope that is not too important for you as I am sure your contest checking software will re-calculate each score anyway, but otherwise let me know and I will upload a corrected version of VKCL for people to re-submit their logs. The one attached has been done with the corrected version.
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The new Ver 2p29 has been uploaded. But in your message you can also mention that the problem can be fixed by just typing the right score from the front logging window into the log file using a text editor such as Notepad.

(I should send the message myself, but I use the Yahoo groups so seldom and so long ago that I have forgotten the procedure and the passwords. Hope you don't mind doing it this time.)

73,

Mike, VK3AVV

FROM TRENT VK4TI

AT THIS STAGE I DO NOT NEED ANY LOGS RESUBMITTED AS THE W3KM LOGCHECKER PICKS UP ERRORS LIKE THIS REGARDLESS...

747. VK Contest Logger Bug

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-14 04:27:34 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 747 Message: 747

Hi everyone,
I was just looking at the VK Contest Logger website and there is apparently a bug in version 2.28 to do with the Cabrillo output.
here are the details:

13th June 2011 - Ver 2p29

A bug has crept into VKCL which affects VK Shires contest CABRILLO log output. The claimed score is output as 0 instead of the correct value as shown on the logging window.

You can either correct the log file with a text editor such as Notepad, replacing the 0 with the correct score, or update your VKCL copy to this Ver 2p29 and output your log again.

Go here: http://web.aanet.com.au/mnds/ for the update.

73 de
Jeff Cochrane - VK4BOF

748. Dalby Regional Council DR4

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-14 22:30:05 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 748 Message: 748

We have picked up a few contacts with DR4 - this should be WD4 -

Can only assume the DR4 came from the WAQSA Award or the Jack Files lists which haven't been updated since prior to the amalgamation of councils in Queensland.

Please don't panic if you have logged it as he log checker software can correct for this -

Regards

Trent

749. 2012 New Categories

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-14 23:44:15 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 749 Message: 749

New Categories :

8 hour section Operators are able to work any one of 3 defined 8 hour sections - STILL NO DUPLICATE Contacts..

06:00 UTC ~ 14:00 UTC
14:00 UTC ~ 22:00 UTC
22:00 UTC ~ 06:00 UTC

Addition of VHF / UHF - Not a separate Category -just to make the rovers busier on the trips...

6 Metres , 2 Metres , 70 cm Per Standard Licence Allocations

SSB and CW modes Only

751. Re: 2012 New Categories

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 00:49:24 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 749 Message: 751

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com wrote:
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A shame that VHF/UHF and the 8 hour blocks have been added to the contest, it was just about perfect as a HF only contest.
I don't think that I or Gary VK4FD will bother with the Shires contest next year, one JMFD per year is enough we reckon.

73 de
Jeff Cochrane - VK4BOF

752. Re: 2012 New Categories

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 01:10:52 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 749 Message: 752

Thanks for that Jeff,

I need feedback - its ok to encourage more activity but if its at the expense of existing supporters then its a mute point -

The 8 hours would be for people to enter a 8 hour only category and NOT to allow duplicate contacts - I feel we would have increased activity if a shorter version could occur..

The idea of VHF / UHF - Should we therefore limit it to a VHF / UHF category only and NOT have it as part of the overall score - is that a better concept ??

I await your feedback

Trent VK4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Jeff - VK4BOF" <maxileech@...> wrote:
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753. Re: [vkshires] Re: 2012 New Categories

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 01:30:58 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 749 Message: 753

Hi Trent and all.

I feel that the 8 hour categories may help encourage those with limited time to participate at a greater level.
The non-hf side of it really doesnt intrest me.
I had thought that the primary focus was to have the world make contact with Australia.

I believe that one of the best ways to encourage this is to have a quality attractive award for the VK Shires Award and to promote the contest internationally (in amateur radio mags) as an excellent way to qualify for the award.
Where can we see what the award looks like?

73

Bill, VK4ZD

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Date: Wed, Jun-15-2011 11:10 AM
Subject: [vkshires] Re: 2012 New Categories

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754. Re: 2012 New Categories

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 01:45:45 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 749 Message: 754

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755. Re: 2012 New Categories

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 02:58:38 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 749 Message: 755

I also vote for VHF/UHF to be totally separated from the HF contest. There are other outlets for VHF/UHF activity anyway, the winter field day is only one to two weekends away from VK-shires on any given Queens Birthday weekend.

Regards,
Wayne

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 03:13:28 UTC
From: Mike Subocz
Topic: 749 Message: 756

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The 8-hour category could be useful for some VKs with limited time, but probably not much for international participants. Having fixed 8-hour periods is novel, it is usually the best 8 hours.

I fully agree with no repeat contacts anywhere.

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757. Re: 2012 New Categories

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 03:26:59 UTC
From: vk4ti
Topic: 749 Message: 757

Thanks Mike,

The hope was that would give the time limited people and those incapable of a 24 hour bash a chance to make an effort and build Saturday night - for those who want to run the 24 hours -

I am hearing it loud and clear - NO VHF UHF ... OK already ...

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Date: 2011-06-15 04:01:49 UTC
From: Richard
Topic: 749 Message: 758

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 04:24:56 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 749 Message: 759

Hi Richard

Thanks for the come back.

From time to time you really do find some beautifully designed awards that become collectors items.
I can think of a few like the Hong Kong Nine Dragons Award, The Ibaraki Prefecture Award, The PNG Birds of Paradise Award & the Mexican Diploma Azteca.

I donty think that plaques are necessary except perhaps if all shires are worked and then the station concerned is not going to object to paying more for the privilege of owning something so unique.

I hope that will help a little.

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Date: Wed, Jun-15-2011 2:01 PM
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760. A very wet weekend

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 08:23:17 UTC
From: vk4gh
Topic: 760 Message: 760

Hi all,
We only got back Tuesday evening, and had to go to work today, and as yet I have not finalised my log. On a personal note I think I have 4 new countries - Lebanon, El Salvador, Aruba & Bahamas, so that alone made it worthwhile. Saying that, John is threatening that it is the last time we go portable for a while, because after having a flooded JMFD weekend, we also had a flooded and cold Shires weekend. Not much fun trying to BBQ with your raincoat on, and certainly packing the trailer up in the rain is no joy either.
I think the 8 hour segments as an option and separate category would help VK participation, as there were a number of operators heard either on Saturday afternoon/evening or on Sunday.
After a rough check on this years and last years logs, I have 20% less QSO's, 33% less Shires, but 70% more Zones, consequently my score about 40% down!! The DX was better this year, but as you can see the participation of VK was down. I felt there was less advertising and promotion, both within VK and world wide. Participation from VK operators, particularly portable/rover ops, makes this contest interesting. There is a definite advantage in being the only operator in a Shire, so this aspect could be promoted to the VK's. ZL's & western US ops have a chance of getting 50 shires or more for an award.
Next year, we will probably be in either a different location (provided it is NOT raining), or roving between shires.
As an aside, even though Trent's got the message, we are also against the VHF/UHF also, and would not make a contact in that category.
Catherine VK4GH

761. Re: [vkshires] Re: 2012 New Categories

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 09:24:59 UTC
From: David
Topic: 749 Message: 761

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762. wet weekend again

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 10:41:24 UTC
From: Neil Shand
Topic: 762 Message: 762

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763. Re: wet weekend again

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 11:03:25 UTC
From: vk7net
Topic: 762 Message: 763

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764. RE: [vkshires] Re: wet weekend again

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 12:21:54 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 762 Message: 764

Can't comment on contest condx in Tassie but we were there Feb and wx was GREAT! 27C one day hi!

lyn Vk4SWE

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of vk7net
Sent: Wednesday, 15 June 2011 9:03 PM
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765. 2011 overview

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-15 21:16:29 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 765 Message: 765

Well this was an interesting year for us here as it is the first time a multi two has been run from this station.
There was supposed to be other antennas in the air for this contest but I am afraid that didn't happen as we are still awaiting towers that was promised to be here months ago, so as a case of necessity we altered the strategy somewhat.
Even with reduced antenna, 4 down on 2009, we are reasonably happy with the outcome.
There were a few teething problems with the filtering system which I am happy to say appears to be ok now, but much to Waynes(VK7NET) disappointment we lost quite a few hours of 40mt operating on the first day as a result.
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Zones worked was 38.
Total q's just under the 1K so a score of just over 215,000 was achieved.
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PS thanks for joining the station on the weekend Wayne, hope you had a great time.

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Roll on those contest station calls!!!!

766. Re: [vkshires] 2011 overview

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-16 10:23:49 UTC
From: Mark Cederblad
Topic: 765 Message: 766

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Kind regards, Mark - VK4ADX/2

From: vk7ze <vk7ze@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, 16 June 2011 7:16 AM
Subject: [vkshires] 2011 overview

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767. Re: 2011 overview

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-16 23:08:04 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 765 Message: 767

Must have had something to with that call Mark, you Zigged While I Zagged.

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Mark Cederblad <vk4adx@...> wrote:
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768. A few brief stats

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-17 13:06:28 UTC
From: vk3ldr
Topic: 768 Message: 768

I had just a few overall qsos on this contest compared to last year and my score was just slightly lower than last year as well. There were quite a few more vk3 operators around though, but far less contacts on 80m

Hi all,

52% less on 80m, only 30 this year compared to 57 last year. 40% increase in 20m contacts though which was good, 32 this year compared to 19 last year. 25% more contacts in vk3, most other states similar to last year. The increased contacts in vk3 were due to a 43% increase in operators from 19 to 33! This also resulted in a 38% increase in vk3 shires, only 15 last year but 24 this year.

since 2009 there has been an in cease in advanced licence level operators, 58, 65 and this year 73. 20,25 and 25 again for standard and 14,17,18 foundation (these are 2009,2010,2011 figures respectively)

I will upload my finalized pdf report soon for my 2011 figures which also contains comparisons from 2009 through 2011.

whilst some hours were very slow going, it was still good. However being a new parent this year has given me a much higher level of tiredness in the last few months so i frequently got bored and tired to the point of very sleepy a times throughout the contest. also encountered a carried dropper along the way and some guy without call sign blurting out about people being broad...

cheers,
Dave

769. Re: 2012 New Categories

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-18 00:54:46 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 749 Message: 769

Hi Trent et al,
I guess that I / we can live with the 8 hour blocks, particularly so if it encourages more people to get into the contest.
I do not think that VHF/UHF should be in the contest at all.
like I said previously, we have enough VHF/UHF contests and I think that it would kill any DX (overseas) participation if this contest had those bands involved.

Stick with the proven formula Trent, keep it HF only and you'll be rewarded with a much loved contest. (Even by the DX stations!)

Jeff cochrane - VK4BOF

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "VK4TI" <vk4ti@...> wrote:
>
> Thanks for that Jeff,
>
> I need feedback - its ok to encourage more activity but if its at the expense of existing supporters then its a mute point -
>
> The 8 hours would be for people to enter a 8 hour only category and NOT to allow duplicate contacts - I feel we would have increased activity if a shorter version could occur..
>
> The idea of VHF / UHF - Should we therefore limit it to a VHF / UHF category only and NOT have it as part of the overall score - is that a better concept ??
>
> I await your feedback
>
> Trent VK4TI
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> --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "Jeff - VK4BOF" <maxileech@> wrote:
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> > --- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com wrote:
> > >
> > > New Categories :
> > >
> > > 8 hour section Operators are able to work any one of 3 defined 8 hour sections - STILL NO DUPLICATE Contacts..
> > >
> > > 06:00 UTC ~ 14:00 UTC
> > > 14:00 UTC ~ 22:00 UTC
> > > 22:00 UTC ~ 06:00 UTC
> > >
> > > Addition of VHF / UHF - Not a separate Category -just to make the rovers busier on

the trips...
> > >
> > > 6 Metres , 2 Metres , 70 cm Per Standard Licence Allocations
> > >
> > > SSB and CW modes Only
> > >
> > A shame that VHF/UHF and the 8 hour blocks have been added to the contest, it was just about perfect as a HF only contest.
> > I don't think that I or Gary VK4FD will bother with the Shires contest next year, one JMFD per year is enough we reckon.
> >
> > 73 de
> > Jeff Cochrane - VK4BOF
> >
>

770. Re: [VKCC] 160m SSB Trans Tasman Contest tonight

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-25 04:57:59 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 770 Message: 770

Hope we work many of you in the contest tonight.

VK4WIL club stn will be active.

Ops are VK4's QH, HS, SN, MN, FJ, BYX

73 es GL 2 all,

AL, VK4SN

From: catchcryhamm <catchcryhamm@yahoo.com>
To: vkcc@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, 25 June 2011 1:05 PM
Subject: [VKCC] 160m SSB Trans Tasman Contest tonight

A couple of us here in Brisbane have been fine tuning our antennas for the contest tonight.

771. MU3 activation tonight

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-06-30 19:15:36 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 771 Message: 771

I intend to activate Murrindindi Shire Council (MU3) from around 1800 local time tonight for about an hour and half or so. This will be from Eildon National Park, so it is also relevant for the Kieth Roget Memorial award.

Intend to be active on 80/40/30/20.

Regards,
Wayne VK3WAM

772. VK Shires Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-07-03 11:24:18 UTC
From: David
Topic: 772 Message: 772

Hi All,
Dose any one have an email address for the AWARD manager not the contest manager?

David

773. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-07-03 11:45:46 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 772 Message: 773

Hi David,

I am the award manager.

Cheers

Richard Neilsen
President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2BO
0427019046

On 3/07/2011 9:24 PM, David wrote:
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774. Where is this ???

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-07-15 00:09:50 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 774 Message: 774
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Regards Trent Sampson 0408497550 www.Webinsure.com.au Ask us about our new share trading platform for iPhones.

775. Re: [vkshires] Where is this ??? [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-07-15 09:07:58 UTC
From: Phillip
Topic: 775 Message: 775
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Trent,

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A clue or 2 would help I have spent most of the afternoon with the Radio
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ZL2TZE

-------Original Message-------

From: VK4TI
Date: 15/07/2011 12:11:09
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Where is this ??? [1 Attachment]

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776. Re: Where is this ??? [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-07-15 11:36:12 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 775 Message: 776

Ok Its in VK - I was going to the WIA conference in Darwin at 35000ft in a Virgin Flight that left Brisbane - the island is the home of a VK SHIRES regular

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777. Re: Where is this ??? [1 Attachment]

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-07-15 11:48:58 UTC
From: Dale
Topic: 775 Message: 777

G'day Trent,

QTH of Lyn Battle VK4SWE Sweers Island Looking South West from the aircraft.

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "VK4TI" <vk4ti@...> wrote:
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778. RE: [vkshires] Re: Where is this ???

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-07-15 13:06:26 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 775 Message: 778

Hahaha! I wondered who would get it first! Great photo Trent, can you email me a high res version for the website? I will give photo credit! We could actually see the mainland tonight - over horizon mirage, but amazing to see. Next time you fly Virgin check if skipper is a girl - good friend of ours is First Officer, capt. soon, Amanda, used to fly charter round the Gulf.

cheers!

lyn VK4SWE

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From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Dale
Sent: Friday, 15 July 2011 9:49 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Where is this ???

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779. Re: Where is this ???

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-07-15 21:21:08 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 775 Message: 779

Well Done Dale (beer when I am up north)Cairns around the 8th October for a week and Lyn hi Res is on its way -

Regards

Trent VK4TI

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn" <lyn@...> wrote:
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780. PHOTOS FOR 2011 RESULTS ARTICLE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-05 07:55:21 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 780 Message: 780

Hi Everyone

I am composing the VK Shires article for distribution to the WIA and the general internet - target is a WEB Release

1st September 2011

Can you please forward any photo's you may have of your VK Shires operation to VK4TI@...

Regards

Trent VK4TI

781. RD Contest from the Banana Shire

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-12 10:21:22 UTC
From: vk4gh
Topic: 781 Message: 781

Hi All,
Just to let you know that John & I are in the Banana Shire BA4 for the RD Contest until Tuesday morning, so I will operate as VK4GH/P with just 100 watts. Should be on 80-40-20.
Catherine VK4GH

782. Mornington Peninsula Shire & NP activation Sat 0200UTC-Sun 0400UTC

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-15 07:13:05 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 782 Message: 782

Hi All,

I will be activating Mornington Peninsula NP from a site near Highfield. I am to arrive mid morning and it will take a few hours to get fully setup for 24 hours or so operation. I will take a break from 11pm or so (1300 UTC) through until Sunday breakfast.

The National Park is in the Mornington Peninsula Shire (MP3).

Note that Highfield is not near Cape Schanck lighthouse, so I will not be a ILLW contact, but I will be a Keith Roget contact.

I will operate using a FT-817 and a FT-897 all off a battery source. Operation will be on 20m throughout the day and 40 to 80m at night.

Operation will generally be QRP, but for those who need it, I can go to 100 watts.

Hope to catch you all on air.

Regards,
Wayne
VK3WAM/P

783. King Island KI7

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-16 00:49:47 UTC
From: vk3vth
Topic: 783 Message: 783

Hi Folks,
I will be active across the ILLW (August 20/21) on 20m & 40m (possibly 80?) from King Island KI7 Shire. Lighthouse AU-0016 OC-233.

If all goes to plan I would expect to be On Air from approx 1000-1800 EST Saturday & Sunday.

Hope to work as many as possible.

73
Tony VK3VTH

784. Re: King Island KI7

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-16 01:15:01 UTC
From: vk7net
Topic: 783 Message: 784

Hi Tony be great too to work you from the island should be able to work you on any bands we will be at Table cape au0039 just started planing a trip to the island will let you now more as it un folds at this stage we got 3 hams as one off them has a plane so it will work out cheaper we are having a talk about it this weekend have fun and stay safe vk7net wayne

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk3vth" <tonyjohn10@...> wrote:
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785. Lighthouse Weekend VI4FI

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-16 02:10:33 UTC
From: Paul
Topic: 785 Message: 785

Hi all, not really a special shire to gain or DXpedition but a special Callsign to chase, VI4FI.
It's a plan for an exciting weekend away and hopefully many to come over the next few years with the radios.
A team of 4 from IDRC are heading to Fraser Is to work from the Sandy Cape Lighthouse over the coming Lighthouse weekend.
There is also a WWW page, just type in VI4FI.
With the backing of VK4ICE (donation of the antenna's/Coax) and support of the Ipswich City Council over the past year, Fraser Is Parks and Wildlife and talking about it for the last two years its finally going to happen.
We will be working all bands that we can when the bands are open.....might even get some Tailor Fishing in!!!!!
Listen out for us.

Cheers and hope to put you in the Log.

Paul VK4FPDW (Vice P, IDRC)

787. Who needs Shires?????

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-28 04:28:08 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 787 Message: 787

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WC7 West Coast ??
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CH7 Central Highlands ??

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When will this happen? Who knows?

The offer is there so it is dependant on the amount of ops that need these for their awards and respond to the post.

Except for CH7 and WC7 all of the above can be knocked over in a day easy.

If replying please state whether weekends or weekdays is preferable as either can be arranged.

73

Laurie VK7ZE

788. RE: [vkshires] Who needs Shires?????

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-28 09:10:07 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 787 Message: 788

OK - I am not a Collector as such, but if I get notifications that you are there I tend to go listen..

if that helps your decision Laurie.

lyn Vk4SWE/VK4EI

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of vk7ze
Sent: Sunday, 28 August 2011 2:28 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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Version: 10.0.1392 / Virus Database: 1520/3862 - Release Date: 08/27/11

789. Re: Who needs Shires?????

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-28 20:03:50 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 787 Message: 789

Hello Lyn,

Thanks for the response.
I will let you know if anything eventuates.

Laurie VK7ZE

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "lyn" <lyn@...> wrote:
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790. 5 shires activation 23rd and 24th September

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-08-31 08:38:38 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 790 Message: 790

Hi all,

VK3WAM/P will be activating the following national parks at around the following times: (Note 23rd is a Friday)

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The VKShire codes are given in parenthesis. All of these QTHs are national parks eligible for the Keith Roget Memorial Award.

Power will be either 5W for QRP operation or up to 100W. I will generally call somewhere near 3.58, 7.08 and 14.18, but will also tail-end, especially for QRP operation.

Regards,
Wayne VK3WAM

791. Re: Who needs Shires?????

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-09-04 03:13:23 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 787 Message: 791

Due to lack of interest this one won't be happening.
73
Laurie

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk7ze" <vk7ze@...> wrote:
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792. Re: PHOTOS FOR 2011 RESULTS ARTICLE

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-09-05 07:39:35 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 780 Message: 792

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com wrote:
>
> Hi Everyone
>
> I am composing the VK Shires article for distribution to the WIA and the general internet - target is a WEB Release
>
> 1st September 2011
>
> Can you please forward any photo's you may have of your VK Shires operation to VK4TI@...
>
> Regards
>
> Trent VK4TI
>

Any news on when the results for this years contest will be released Trent?
The 1st of September has been and gone.
I'm getting a bit toey for the results :)

73 de
Jeff VK4BOF

793. PileUp New Issue Out Now

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-09-06 21:58:37 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 793 Message: 793

Oops! PileUp! Did it Again.

The new 52-page issue focuses on the Scandinavian Activity Contest, but the usual, brainless humor and other ham topics were not forgotten. Three dozen individuals had a say to this issue! Hopefully even more show up to work SAC.

    Monster-Olli's Adventures - Part III
    The Perfect Amplifier
    News on Cycle 24
    A Visit to President?s Premises
    Launch of WMCC
    Executive SAC HF Propagation Summary
    Anomalous SAC Trophy Program - Now is your chance!
    and much more...

Click and Enjoy PileUP! 15(4). (PU! is so smart that not even a double-click is necessary):http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela/PU/PU.html

Next one is due in November and will be the post-SAC-and-pre-WMCC issue.

Cheers from the editors OH1WZ, OH6KZP & OH7WV

P.S. The pdf-document is 11MBytes. You can make it to the fridge, while PU! loads.

--Ilkka Korpela
http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela

794. Re: 5 shires activation 23rd and 24th September

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-09-22 06:38:34 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 790 Message: 794

Hi all,

I'm still planning on these activations tomorrow and Saturday. Hope to hear you on the air.

73s Wayne VK3WAM

--- In vkshires@...m, "Wayne" <wayne_merry@...> wrote:
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> Regards,
> Wayne VK3WAM
>

795. Re: 5 shires activation 23rd and 24th September

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-09-22 06:51:54 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 790 Message: 795

Good luck Wayne, hope you do well.
If I remember I will try and look you up on a couple of them.
Cheers
Laurie

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796. King Island KI 7

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-09-22 06:55:26 UTC
From: vk7ze
Topic: 796 Message: 796

Three of us vk7nfi, vk7net and myself vk7ze will be operating from King Island (KI7) 3rd to 7th (inclusive)of November. Of course weather permitting.
Listen out for us as VK7ZX.
73
Laurie

797. VK SHIRES RESULTS 2011

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-09-30 00:43:46 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 797 Message: 797

There has been a fault in the log checking software and it has delayed things quite a bit -
The cross checking is being done manually -
I would expect the results to be released to the WEB on the 14th of October 2011 and should make Decembers AR -
Please forward my apologies to anyone outside these reflectors -
Regards
Trent VK4TI

798. Re: VK SHIRES RESULTS 2011

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-10-01 00:29:52 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 797 Message: 798

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, vk4ti@... wrote:
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> Trent VK4TI
>

Thanks Trent for letting us know.
I await the results somewhat eagerly. :)

Jeff Cochrane - VK4BOF

799. Re: VK SHIRES RESULTS 2011

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-10-14 10:49:42 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 797 Message: 799

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, vk4ti@... wrote:
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> Trent VK4TI
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G'day Trent,

Well mate, it's the 14th of October at 8:48pm.
Do we got a result yet?

Jeff Cochrane - VK4BOF

800. Re: VK SHIRES RESULTS 2011

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-10-16 21:14:44 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 797 Message: 800

Hi Jeff,

We extended our stay in North Queensland visiting friends in Mareeba Atherton Port Douglas Palm Cove and got back late Saturday - Will be finished this week -

Regards

Trent VK4TI

--- In vkshires@...m, "Jeff - VK4BOF" <jeff.vk4bof@...> wrote:
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801. 2011 VKSHIRES Summary of Cabrillo Results scores

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-10-28 13:17:13 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 801 Message: 801

2011 VKSHIRES Summary of Cabrillo Results scores

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VK6FDX VK SHIRES 16 VK SINGLE-OP ALL

802. RE: [vkshires] 2011 VKSHIRES Summary of Cabrillo Results scores

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-10-28 13:22:10 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 801 Message: 802

oops. I was tidying shack today es saw my log es thought Hmm I never sent that in did i. (This is why I don't enter CX - hopeless at paperwork.) - was not much but do you want for ur records?

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803. Re: 2011 VKSHIRES Summary of Cabrillo Results scores

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-10-28 19:50:57 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 801 Message: 803

????? Its there Lyn - 3000 Points neat...

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804. Re: 2011 VKSHIRES Summary of Cabrillo Results scores

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-10-28 22:43:58 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 801 Message: 804

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Third overall and top rover!
Damn, Gary and I are good! :)

73 to all,
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805. RE: [vkshires] Re: 2011 VKSHIRES Summary of Cabrillo Results scores

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-10-28 23:05:29 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 801 Message: 805

Ooops again then LOL!

Wow I am almost in the top half this year instead of dragging my dipole at the end hihi - see the difference a tower and beam makes? And Catherine flying the flag for YLs in fourth - excellent!

OK - have to dismantle everything this arvo as we head out of here a bit earlier than planned.like tmw. back mid December -

73

lyn Vk4SWE/VK4EI

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of VK4TI
Sent: Saturday, 29 October 2011 5:51 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: 2011 VKSHIRES Summary of Cabrillo Results scores

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> Sent: Friday, 28 October 2011 11:17 PM
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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-10-29 21:53:16 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 801 Message: 806

2011 VKSHIRES All SoapBox

2011 zl2ayz.log
SOAPBOX: ENJOYED THE CONTEST AND MANAGED TO PICK UP 16 NEW SHIRES TOWARDS THE AWARD, WHIC

kh6qj.log
SOAPBOX: THANKS FOR A GREAT CONTEST

p29cw.log
SOAPBOX: OPERATING FROM KIUNGA IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE NEAR THE IRIAN JAYA BORDER.
SOAPBOX: RIG - YAESU FT897D AND INTERTED VEE ANTENNAS WITH THE APEX AT 10M
SOAPBOX: SOUTHERN VK STATES WERE VERY WEAK.
SOAPBOX: PLEASE NOTE THAT VKCL WOULD NOT SCORE AS8

vk1hw.log
SOAPBOX: SLIM PIKINGS .....

vk1hw.txt
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vk2boz.log
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vk3nrw.log
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vk3tdx.log
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vk4ho.log
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vk4ho.txt
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vk4swe.log
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vk4wat.log
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807. SH5 Contest Files

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-11-04 11:57:10 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 807 Message: 807

These links you may find interesting - Alan VK4SN has kindly posted them on a test basis on his website
http://www.vk4sn.com/ Click on contesting and then click on the VK Shires Logs - for an overview of the test logs VK7ZE, VK4QH and VK4SN

808. How will the change in QLD's Queens Birthday holiday effect the VKShires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-11-06 02:30:43 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 808 Message: 808

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809. Re: [vkshires] How will the change in QLD's Queens Birthday holiday effect the VKShires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-11-06 02:49:25 UTC
From: Andrew Munson (VK4NM)
Topic: 808 Message: 809

Don't suppose it will effect the contest at all. In fact seems like great news - have a day of rest now after the Oceania Contest. Not much of a Bligh supporter but think this is a good idea considering the amount of holidays we have in close succession. April / Anzac Day, May Labor Day and June the "old queens birthday" holiday - also this we add the first Thursday in April which is the Toowoomba show holiday.

Andrew VK4NM

On 6 November 2011 12:30, Jeff - VK4BOF <jeff.vk4bof@...> wrote:

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810. Re: [vkshires] How will the change in QLD's Queens Birthday holiday effect the VKShires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-11-06 03:09:13 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 808 Message: 810

How can Anna Banana call a public holiday in October the "Queen's Birthday"?
Given that Queen Elizabeth's birthday is 21st April, the June long weekend
was retained, as being close to George V actual birthday of 3 June. And I
note that WA has a long weekend around the start of October, so we could
have three "Queen's Birthdays" in a year. At that rate, QE II could reach
100 very soon...
Apparently it is the state governors' prerogative to proclaim a Monarch's
Birthday holiday, go figure...

Just stick with the second weekend in June. It matters not whether it is a
long weekend (for those with "normal" jobs) or not.
Vy 73,
Luke VK3HJ

811. Re: [vkshires] How will the change in QLD's Queens Birthday holiday effect the VKShires contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-11-06 04:31:03 UTC
From: Steve Chamberlain
Topic: 808 Message: 811

I always thought QLD was a strange place!!!!

Does this mean in 2012 Qld has 2 Queens ?? or Maybe your Queen just needs attention and likes the idea of 2 birthdays!!

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From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2011 10:30 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] How will the change in QLD's Queens Birthday holiday effect the VKShires contest

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-11-08 12:03:34 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 808 Message: 812

Nope I think you have summed it up comrade Steve..

de VM4A !!

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813. VK4 Contesters Christmas get together 2011

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-11-11 23:53:00 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 813 Message: 813

Hi All -
Looking at the dates - Is everyone more or less happy with a get together on Tuesday the 27th of December - Which is a public holiday -
Trent VK4TI

815. 2011 Shires contest certificates etc?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-12 01:46:52 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 815 Message: 815

Does anyone know when the certificates / plaques / whatever are going to be sent out to the various category winners?

There has been nothing seen here yet.

Jeff VK4BOF

816. Shires Certificate Received

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-12 11:02:16 UTC
From: vk4gh
Topic: 816 Message: 816

Today I received in the mail my certificate from the BMARC for working 250 shires. A special field in my computer log has made it easy to keep track and send in a listing.
Catherine VK4GH

817. Re: Shires Certificate Received

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-12 12:52:09 UTC
From: Jeff - VK4BOF
Topic: 816 Message: 817

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk4gh" <vk4gh@...> wrote:
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> Catherine VK4GH
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That's good news Catherine.
But not what I asked though, I want to know when the certificates for the winners of the various categories in the 2011 Shires contest held last June will be sent out.

How about it Trent?

818. RE: [vkshires] Re: Shires Certificate Received

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-12 12:56:25 UTC
From: lyn
Topic: 816 Message: 818

wow! Congratulations Catherine! Well done!!!!

33/73/88 de lyn VK4SWE/VK4EI

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Jeff - VK4BOF
Sent: Monday, 12 December 2011 10:52 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: Shires Certificate Received

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How about it Trent?

819. Re: Shires Certificate Received

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-12 20:39:33 UTC
From: VK4TI
Topic: 816 Message: 819

Hi Jeff,

The Certificates are handled by BMARC and by coincidence Richard sent through a note yesterday that they will be done shortly - I am heading to Townsville today for a week and will follow it up later this week.

Richard needed some clarification of points and once he has that they will be in the mail

Regards

Trent VK4TI

What we are working towards this year is a submission system and Certificate system very similar to the Oceania DX Contest -

http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/oceania-dx-ssb-2011.htm

http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/Oceania%20DX%202010%20LinksSSB.html

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820. [WIA-NEWS] News From The WIA

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-22 00:51:26 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 820 Message: 820

ACMA to permit higher power for Advanced licensees on trial basis
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The ACMA has advised the WIA that it intends to accede to the WIA’s request that advanced licensees may apply for a variation of their licence to permit higher power from a fixed location on a trial basis from 1 March 2012.
Read the full story ...
http://www.wia.org.au/newsevents/news/2011/20111222-1/index.php

Seasons Greetings to all radio amateurs from The Wireless Institute Of Australia.

Wireless Institute of Australia - http://www.wia.org.au

821. Re: [vkshires] [WIA-NEWS] News From The WIA

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-22 01:16:19 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 820 Message: 821

Having read the article referred on the the WIA news site, I note that it refers to Michael Owen's "WIA comment" column in AR magazine, November 2010. My understanding of the proposal is that power up to 1000W PEP, or 500W mean should be allowed on all Amateur Primary bands, on the basis of a 12-month trial from 1 March 2012. Advanced licensees must apply for a variation the the ACMA, and must log all activity where the higher power is used. The only Secondary bands I note from the Band Plan are 30m; and 2200m - which has it's own specifications.

So, the CW ops may then use up to 500W instead of only 120W. This will be useful on the low bands.

It will be interesting to see how much worse the operators of shitty SSB transmitters will splatter. As it is now, there are a number of SSB transmissions observed with intermods as bad as -25 dB or worse. In this case, judicious self-policing (in a gentlemanly manner) will be important, to perserve the integrity of the service.

Vy 73, es Merry Xmas.

Luke VK3HJ

At 04:51 PM 21/12/2011 -0800, vk4ti@... wrote:
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822. General Rules for All WIA Contests

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-23 11:40:02 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 822 Message: 822

General Rules for All WIA Contests 1. These rules apply to all WIA Contests, except where inconsistent with a specific rule of a particular Contest. 2. Entrants must abide by their licence conditions. 3. Contacts: (a) A contact consists of an exchange with acknowledgement of receipt of callsign and contest data. Incomplete contacts must be logged with zero points claimed. Points are not lost if a non-competing station does not send appropriate information, but a report must be logged and any other exchange sent by that station must be recorded. The full contest exchange must be sent to all stations worked.(b) In the time period relative to the specific contest one contact only with the same station per band counts for points, regardless of that stations operator or callsign. More than one contact with the same operator using different
call-signs may not be claimed. Contacts with stations which have no other contest contacts may be disallowed. Duplicate contacts must be logged, with zero points claimed.(c) Cross-band contacts do not score.(d) Contacts scheduled before the contest do not count for points. Schedules may only be made during the contest.(e) Simultaneous transmissions on more than one frequency are permitted, in multi-operator / assisted events use of VHF/UHF to access the DX cluster is permitted. Access must be to the public cluster network, private clusters are not permitted.(f) The active use (posting messages, arranging skeds, self spotting etc) of the DX Cluster, and other spotting networks (including internet facilities for example VK Logger) to assist an entry is not permitted.(g) Proof of contact may be required.(h) For contest purposes, /AM and /MM stations are treated as /M stations in their own
country. Other stations are regarded as being in the call area / country indicated by their call-sign as sent. 5. Portable stations:(a) Stations can be located in a permanent building or shelter.(b) A station is portable only if all of its equipment is transported to a place which is not the normal location of any amateur station.(c) All equipment, aerials and supports must be set up on site no more than 28 hours before the start of the contest. This does not apply to short term storage of equipment on site.(d) All portable stations should sign /P when taking part in any WIA contest with a portable section.(e) Portable stations may change location during the contest provided the station is dismantled and reassembled each time it moves. 5. Entrants:(a) A single-operator station is operated by one person, who receives no assistance whatsoever from
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a second, remote, station nor may that second station be used to aid the operation of the

entrant's station.(d) There is no requirement that any entrant is a member of the Wireless Institute of Australia 6. Adjudication:(a) Errors in sending / receiving are penalised by the loss of all points for the QSO.(b) Points may be deducted or entries disqualified or excluded for any breach of the rules or spirit of the contest. Subject to Rule 7 of these Rules, the decision of the WIA is final.(c) The practice of club stations recruiting or pre-arranging contacts with other station from within that group, including from operators of the station itself, where there is no intention to make contact with other contest stations, is considered unfair and not in the spirit of the contest. Such practices may lead to disqualification" 7.
Disputes:The Manager of the Contest should be
approached in the first instance and any issues should be resolved with him. If the matter cannot be resolved by the Contest Manager, the person concerned shall be invited to fully set out his concerns in writing, (which shall include by facsimile or email), within 7 days, which shall be referred to the WIA Director responsible for contests. That Director shall convene a meeting of the Contest Committee comprising at least, them self and two other WIA Contest managers and ensure that the person concerned is given the opportunity to comment on any material or submissions provided by the Contest Manager.
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(g) Paper summary sheets should include the following declaration "I declare that this station was operated in accordance with the rules and spirit of the contest and within the conditions of my licence. I agree to the data from this entry being entered into a computer for the purposes of contest adjudication and production of statistics. I agree that the decision of the Board of the WIA shall be final in all cases of dispute." By submitting an entry in email or any other format a contestant shall be deemed to have made a declaration to the same effect.(h) Entrants shall ensure that the section or category being entered is clearly shown in the header or summary sheet. Entrants are encouraged to use soapbox lines in the Cabrillo header to give information about the equipment and antennas used as well as comments about the contest. 9. Changes to Rules: No change to these General Rules or to the Rules of a
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annual event. Certificates will be awarded to leading stations in each category / band as appropriate.

823. Re: [vkshires] General Rules for All WIA Contests

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-23 23:44:02 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 822 Message: 823

Hi Trent,

Well done on the general rules.

Only one question re Nr 5. Portable stations, item (c) where it says that all equipment , aerials, and supports must be set up
on site no more than 28 hours before the start of the contest.

May I suggest that the word "supports" be removed as it infers that trees cannot be used - or is that the intention?.

Most, if not all field dayers would use trees to support a wire antenna or two.

Merry Christmas to all.

73's
Alan
VK4SN

From: "vk4ti@..." <vk4ti@...>
To: oceaniadxcontest@yahoogroups.com; ODXT Reflector <oceaniadxtest@yahoogroups.com>; VK SHIRES <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: Phil VK4BAA <philhss@...>
Sent: Friday, 23 December 2011 9:40 PM
Subject: [vkshires] General Rules for All WIA Contests

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824. REMINDER VKCC VK4 DIVISION Get Together Ipswich Jets

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-25 21:20:44 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 824 Message: 824

Ipswich Jets
Get together - 27th December 12 Midday
 http://leagues.ipswichjets.com.au/

825. Anyone need a contact from Armidale Dumaresq Council AD2

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2011-12-25 21:40:26 UTC
From: jandgandjochem
Topic: 825 Message: 825

I will be operating from within the above council area from 3.00PM till 3.30PM on 40m Band 7.140MHz.
I will be in this area for a while and happy to exchange contact details.
Other bands I can operate on are: 20m, 10m and 6m.

Merry Christmas and a healthy 2012.

Gerard
VK2JNG

826. NEW ISSUE OF PILEUP IS OUT NOW

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-01-02 11:08:30 UTC
From: vk4ti@yahoo.com
Topic: 826 Message: 826

http://www.helsinki.fi/~korpela/PU/PU5_2011X.pdf
Great articles on DX and contesting

827. VK Shires Contest Certificates.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-01-12 22:52:59 UTC
From: vk2bo
Topic: 699 Message: 827

The VK Shires Contest certificates have been printed and are in the mail. Recipients should be receiving them very soon.

Sorry about the delay.

Cheers

828. Re: VK Shires Contest Certificates.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-01-13 13:27:39 UTC
From: vk4bof
Topic: 699 Message: 828

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, "vk2bo" <richardneilsen@...> wrote:
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Thanks Richard.....I think.

One thing at least.....the results list and certificate printing is consistant in this contest.....consistantly slow.

It's funny though, the first year (2009) wasn't to bad, we had our result and our certificate for 2nd place in Multi Rover that year by November in the same year as the contest, which is still slow by most standards but way better than the 2011 results and certificates.

(The time it took for the results to be published for the 2011 contest was woeful in comparison to ANY contest that I have been in)

Are we going to get the 2012 contest results and certificates by 2014 one wonders......time will tell.

73 de
Jeff VK4BOF

829. Re: [vkshires] Re: VK Shires Contest Certificates.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-01-13 13:43:31 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 699 Message: 829

Thanks for your criticism Jeff, all noted.

Cheers

Richard Neilsen
President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2BO
0427019046

On 14/01/2012 12:27 AM, vk4bof wrote:
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830. Re: [vkshires] Re: VK Shires Contest Certificates.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-01-13 18:55:28 UTC
From: Andrew Munson (VK4NM)
Topic: 699 Message: 830

Jeff,

Perhaps you should put up your hand and takeover??? I don't enter any contests where you get results / certificates in the same year. CQWW, CQWPX, ARRL's and even our own Oceania Contest all have results coming out approx. 10 months after the contest.

Andrew VK4NM

On 13 January 2012 23:27, vk4bof <jeff.vk4bof@...> wrote:

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831. Re: VK Shires Contest Certificates.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-01-13 21:12:38 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 699 Message: 831

Thanks for your work on that Richard -

What Jeff 4BOF doesn't realise is that the VK Shires system is to cross check every QSO against every other log - it takes time manually and results cant be posted when software plays up - W3KM has fixed the errors and once that was right the contest now can be scored in one evening -

At this stage there will be major changes to the VK Shires to align with the WIA Contest programme being introduced -

These changes will be that the contest results and certificates will be very similar to the CQWPX or Oceania DX Contest - you will see your claimed score as soon as you post.

All scores will be posted to a WebSite and all logs will have automatic response to submissions -Certificates will be a download on line affair -

Some of the variations under consideration are -

Changing to weekend to October in 2013

and merging with the Jack Files Contest

832. Certificates

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-01-19 09:51:38 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 832 Message: 832

Received my certificate in the mail yesterday for the VKShires contest last year.

Thanks to Blue Mtns ARC. Very good job on the certificates.

Thanks guys.

Alan
VK4SN
www.vk4sn.com

833. CLOSURE OF CONTEST AND VKSHIRES YAHOO GROUP

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-13 01:07:02 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 833 Message: 833

Hi All,

I have decided to cease my support of the VK Shires Site and Contest - thank you all for the support of the contest -

The 2011 Contest will be the last one -

If someone or a group is interested in taking it up I will release the access codes to this site; otherwise in one week I will shut down the site -

Regards

Trent VK4TI

834. Proposed changes to the Remembrance Day Contest Rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-20 10:57:48 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 834 Message: 834

Hi Contesters,

A new PDF of the proposed new rules for the RD is available on the WIA website.
http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/ rdcontest/ (remove the space before rdcontest when putting in browser)

Some of the changes were from suggestions made since the last RD contest, and other fellow seasoned contesters.
I hope I have found
the happy medium, not only from the suggestions, but also taking into account
changes that will

foster more players into the contest. In doing so, I
believe that the rules are a bit simpler and a more even playing

field across all states is gained, and is a more challenging contest.

Those who have already seen the proposed changes have had favourable comments towards the changes and hopefully
the RD will be bigger and better than ever, this and in future years.

Your comments and input are appreciated, however we hope to finalise the changes by this weekend, the 26th February,
so please be punctual if you wish to add anything.

Many thanks

Alan VK4SN

RD Contest Manager
Supported by the Lockyer Valley Radio & Electronics Club Inc.
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835. Re: [VKCC] Proposed changes to the Remembrance Day Contest Rules

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-21 10:20:44 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 834 Message: 835

Hi Contesters,

What a terrific response I have received from many operators, both here and direct emails.

Some great ideas and concerns have been put forward and I am in the midst of correlating common suggestions and drafting up a global reply, as some of you have thought of different topics and questions and I'd like to share them with everyone for comment.

You should see them by tomorrow evening.

Many thanks es best 73
Alan
VK4SN
Keeping you informed.

From: Alan Shannon <vk4sn@...>
To: "vkcc@yahoogroups.com" <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>; "vkshires@yahoogroups.com" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, 20 February 2012 8:57 PM
Subject: [VKCC] Proposed changes to the Remembrance Day Contest Rules

Hi Contesters,

A new PDF of the proposed new rules for the RD is available on the WIA website.
http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/ rdcontest/ (remove the space before rdcontest when putting in browser)

Some of the changes were from suggestions made since the last RD contest, and other fellow seasoned contesters.
I hope I have found
the happy medium, not only from the suggestions, but also taking into account
changes that will

foster more players into the contest. In doing so, I
believe that the rules are a bit simpler and a more even playing

field across all states is gained, and is a more challenging contest.

Those who have already seen the proposed changes have had favourable comments towards the changes and hopefully
the RD will be bigger and better than ever, this and in future years.

Your comments and input are appreciated, however we hope to finalise the changes by this weekend, the 26th February,
so please be punctual if you wish to add anything.

Many thanks

Alan VK4SN

RD Contest Manager
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836. Your responses to RD Rules summarised.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-21 23:25:17 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 836 Message: 836

Responses to suggested RD contest rule changes.

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837. Re: [vkshires] Your responses to RD Rules summarised.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-22 02:15:01 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 836 Message: 837

Yes, Alan, definitely a QRP category!
With present conditions, QRP all bands will be good all around VK at least.
And downloadable certificates are fine. I think certificate chasers will
already have so many that they won't have any wall space for any more!
73,
Luke VK3HJ

838. CQ TEST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-22 21:51:45 UTC
From: Trent Sampson
Topic: 838 Message: 838

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839. Re: [vkshires] CQ TEST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-23 04:25:58 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 838 Message: 839

works for me

Peter
VK8HPB

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From: Trent Sampson <vk4ts@...>
To: VKCC <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>; VK SHIRES <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Thursday, 23 February 2012 7:21 AM
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840. Re: [vkshires] Your responses to RD Rules summarised.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-23 07:01:10 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 836 Message: 840

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4. So long as the pdf's are high resolution quality documents they should be the way to go.

5. When it boils down to it a multi-op station is just another single transmitter on the air, so why exclude multi-op stations? In fairness the multi-op station does tend to have an advantage of operator freshness. My feeling is not to include multi-ops in teams unless the majority of Teams were to be multi-op. The single op Teams would then be pitting themselves against multi-op Teams knowingly.

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------------Original Message------------
From: Alan Shannon <vk4sn@...>
To: "vkcc@yahoogroups.com" <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>, "vkshires@yahoogroups.com" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>

Date: Wed, Feb-22-2012 9:25 AM
Subject: [***Spam***](Suspicious Urls) [vkshires] Your responses to RD Rules summarised.

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841. Re: [vkshires] Your responses to RD Rules summarised.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-23 07:43:33 UTC
From: David
Topic: 836 Message: 841

Hi All,

At this point in time my 5c is that WIA membership should NOT in any
way be put of any requirement team/club what ever.
As Bill wrote "The contest is to commemorate those hams who gave
their all for this country" Hams did not need to be WIA member to go
to war so why should those how want to remember via a contest need to be.

Yes to QRP section.

Well that's my 5c (or more to the point 2c +GST)

David
VK3JDA

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842. Re: [VKCC] Your responses to RD Rules summarised.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-23 08:35:03 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 842 Message: 842

Hi John & others,

Yes, what was I thinking by taking on the RD.. hihi. But seriously, it's not that bad. As I said in a previous email,
the support has been great.

It's probably a bit late to get the skimmer argument into the RD, (although Laurie has 'nicely' started the discussion without directly
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From: John Loftus <vk4emm@...>

To: vkcc@yahoogroups.com; vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, 23 February 2012 5:51 PM
Subject: RE: [VKCC] Your responses to RD Rules summarised.

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843. Re: [VKCC] Your responses to RD Rules summarised.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-23 09:59:12 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 842 Message: 843

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844. Re: [vkshires] Re: [VKCC] Your responses to RD Rules summarised.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-23 10:57:11 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 842 Message: 844

At 01:59 AM 23/02/2012 -0800, you wrote:
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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-23 12:05:19 UTC
From: Steve Chamberlain
Topic: 842 Message: 845
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I think 3 points might be better than 2.... removing the extra points would be a mistake i think, I stayed up the full 24 hours last year, It is very slow in the early hours, an incentive is needed to keep yourself awake!! Increasing the incentive might get more to stay up and make it more interesting.

I am of the opinion that VK6 has NO disadvantage, I made almost 1,000 qso’s on HF- SSB last year! so hard to see where the disadvantage would be. The VHF winner was also from VK6 with 7 or 800 qso’s, and the winning state was WA!!!

Not sure if I like the Team’s concept, I’m a member for the NCRG, so is VK4BAA.... now all we got to do is get VK7ZE on board!!! What a team! all corners of Australia covered by the biggest antenna’s!!!! And don’t forget the talent of my two friends too!!

Skimmers and the like, well always going to be controversial !!! I don’t think they belong in this contest, its sort of a traditional contest and I think we should stick to the old ways!! That said the future is going to favour the new ways and I think skimmers will be standard CW practise in contests before to long. I my self still have trouble with my own callsign!!! AFTER ALL IT IS JUST ANOTHER DIGITAL MODE THAT SOME CAN COPY WITH THERE EARS !!!...

As regards to the VHF side of the contest maybe this year VK6 won’t do so well !!! I like the idea of one Person one callsign !

Ok Enough from me!!!

Great to see so many comments from so many different people

Steve
VK6IR

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Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 6:57 PM
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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-25 04:39:21 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 846 Message: 846

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Looking forward to your final comments.

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847. Re: [vkshires] Final Rules Draft available

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-25 05:09:29 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 846 Message: 847

Hi Al
Well done.
A very well balanced and comprehensive set of rules. I expect that this should maximize the participation level for the next contest.
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On 25/02/2012 14:39:21, vkshires@yahoogroups.com wrote:
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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-25 06:06:21 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 846 Message: 848

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Al

From: VK4ZD <vk4zd@mainlink.net.au>
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849. Re: CLOSURE OF CONTEST AND VKSHIRES YAHOO GROUP

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-25 21:45:11 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 833 Message: 849

Hi Trent,

From what I understand, there is a significant overhead in administering the contest, in particular the cross checking of claimed QSOs.

If this is true, and if you were to reconsider the closure of the contest, I would be willing to write a program that would take all the logs that are submitted, and identify
- any QSOs where both operators have submitted logs, but there are any NIL issues
- identify both uniques, and callsigns that have not submitted their own log

Would this make the contest any easier to administrate - by getting rid of manual cross checking, especially if all participants be required to submit electronic logs?

Regards,
Wayne VK3WAM

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com wrote:
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> Trent VK4TI
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850. Re: CLOSURE OF CONTEST AND VKSHIRES YAHOO GROUP

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-25 23:45:50 UTC
From: vk4ts
Topic: 833 Message: 850

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Trent VK4TS

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851. Re: CLOSURE OF CONTEST AND VKSHIRES YAHOO GROUP

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-02-26 08:31:02 UTC
From: vk4ts
Topic: 833 Message: 851

VK4FW Bill has notified Vk Shires that he would prefer that Blue Mountains take over the reins -

Thank you Bill for the kind offer as backup -

Regards

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852. 2012 RD Rules gets approval

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-03-03 10:52:58 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 852 Message: 852

Hello all,

Great news, the RD Rules have now been finalised and are on the WIA Website.
http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/rdcontest/---

Extract from the website:
Overall the rules have been simplified and will make it much easier for the casual contester.

A major change is the implementation of the teams competition. The teams competition is

designed for the smaller multi-single clubs and individuals to enter.

There is also a change to the Multi Operator rules.

The Unlimited
Multi Op is retained and the new Multi Operator Single transmitter category has been introduced.

In the past the smaller clubs could not compete against the logistics of the larger clubs - Now they can compete against themselves - many of our affiliated clubs are under 20 members.

All Phone modes have been combined as has MF, HF and VHF. The idea behind this is to force band changes.

Many thanks to all who were good enough to provide valuable input, as your ideas and support have gone into improving the rules and has created a better RD than ever before.

The weekend can't come soon enough to try new strategies.

Best 73's
Alan

VK4SN
RD Contest Manager.

853. RD Contest Multi-multi staton operating example

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-03-04 04:00:03 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 853 Message: 853

Hi Everyone,

As I receive enquires for RD rule clarification, I will post them here so everyone becomes familair with the new rules and how to apply them.

I have been asked for an example on how a big multi multi station could operate using multiple bands and modes. This will clarify the use
of rules 5 and 7.2 (if you dont have a copy of the rules, download them from the WIA website.)

Rule 7.2a allows you to run two transmitters on a single band, one
either on SSB, AM or FM, and another transmitter on CW or RTTY,
but you CANNOT have two transmitters running on a single band, with both
transmitters using SSM, AM, FM or CW and
RTTY.

EG . BAND XMTR1 MODE XMTR2 MODE ALLOWED
1. 10M SSB,AM
or FM CW or RTTY YES
2. 10M CW RTTY
  NO Because both transmitters are using the
same mode on a single band as per Rule 5.2 (CW mode = CW & RTTY)
3. 10M SSB, AM or FM SSB, AM, or FM NO Because both
transmitters are using the same mode on a single band as per
Rule 5.1 (Phone mode = AM,FM & SSB)

Rule 7.2b allows you to have multiple bands operating at once as long as
you comply with the above rule 7.2a

In this example of a Multi-multi station using 8 transmitters, you can run number 1 thru nr 3 example at the
same time.

EG BAND XMTR1 MODE XMTR2 MODE ALLOWED
1 15M CW or RTTY SSB or AM YES
2 20M SSB RTTY
YES
3 70CM SSB CW
  YES
4 2M SSB FM
  NO Because both transmitters are using the Phone mode on a single band as
per rule 5.1

Best 73's
Alan
VK4SN

RD Contest Manager
www.vk4sn.com

854. New VK Shires Award and Contest website.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-05-01 12:19:53 UTC
From: vk2bo
Topic: 854 Message: 854

I have a new website online for the VK Shires award and Contest, it is a little spartan at the moment but I hope for it to grow as time goes on.

The rules are on the site for both the vk shires award and the vk shires contest.

Enjoy the site and any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

http://vkshires.vk2bo.com

Cheers

855. VKCL logger update TODAY 14-05-2012 for VK TransTaz

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-05-14 08:12:39 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 855 Message: 855

Hi All,

Mike VK3AVV has released an update to the VKCL logger this arvo.

If you did the VK Trans Tasman on Saturday night you will have noticed that it scored zero for F calls.
This has now been fixed with Ver3.4a released just a while ago.

Also noticed a discrepancy with scores from our club log, whether using Windows 7 32 bit and Win XP.
My Win 7 missed a ZL prefix for the 6th prefix bonus points. Maybe it was because I imported it in
after using XP for the contest. Anyhow, XP got it correct after manual checking.

FYI
Al
VK4SN

856. Re: [vkshires] VKCL logger update TODAY 14-05-2012 for VK TransTaz

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-05-14 08:50:51 UTC
From: Catherine VK4GH
Topic: 855 Message: 856

Thanks Alan for letting us know, and also to Mike for fixing up the problem so promptly. We had a good position down on Kangaroo Is, but I heard VK2 & 3 had lots of static. Maybe only had contact with 3 x vk4's incl yourselves. Thanks for holding up the VK4 end.
Assume the contest manager will have to re-score everything, as the F call problem affected the groups.
Catherine VK4GH

From: Alan Shannon <vk4sn@...>
To: "vkcc@yahoogroups.com" <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>; "vkshires@yahoogroups.com" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
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857. Re: [vkshires] VKCL logger update TODAY 14-05-2012 for VK TransTaz

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-05-14 10:09:02 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 855 Message: 857

Hi Catherine,

Download and install V3.4a over the top of the existing VKCL3 logger.
If you edit a QSO and save it, it will rescore the logs, and then just re-create the txt file for submission.

We had s9-20 QRN here in VK4... vy hard to make out some and many rq for repeating numbers etc.

Cheers
Al
VK4SN

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858. Worked all VK Shire Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-04 12:50:10 UTC
From: vk2bo
Topic: 858 Message: 858

Don't forget that the worked all vk shires contest is only a few weeks away.

You can find out all the information on the following website http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/

Cheers
Richard
VK2BO

859. RE: [vkshires] Worked all VK Shire Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-04 19:46:34 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 858 Message: 859

A few weeks away?? The Worked Al VK Shires contest is THIS weekend!

I'll be on air from VK3SCG for part of Saturday and maybe some time on Sunday with my own call sign.

73
Peter VK3ZPF
(e) vk3zpf@...
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-----Original Message-----
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of vk2bo
Sent: Monday, 4 June 2012 10:50 PM
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860. RE: [vkshires] Worked all VK Shire Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-04 20:22:31 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 858 Message: 860

Having now re-read the rules about using more than one call sign, I'll be on air from VK3SCG for part of Saturday. I'll spend Sundy doing other things.

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From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com]On Behalf Of Peter Fraser
Sent: Tuesday, 5 June 2012 5:47 AM
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861. Re: [vkshires] Worked all VK Shire Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-04 23:35:12 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 858 Message: 861

Sorry about that, I am travelling around Australia and time and space has became a little blurred. Hope to hear you all on the weekend. Don't know where I will be at the moment though.

Sent from my iPhone

On 05/06/2012, at 12:11 AM, "Leonie McGuiness" <reignmaker_2001@...> wrote:

> I'm not sure but I believe that yhis contest is on this coming weekend...
> Cheers
> VK2FHRK
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> Connected by MOTOBLUR™
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> -----Original message-----
> From: vk2bo <richardneilsen@...>
> To: vkcc@yahoogroups.com
> Sent: Mon, 04 Jun 2012, 12:52:45 GMT+00:00
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862. Use of alert features

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-06 07:09:05 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 862 Message: 862

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Could you let me know - I am actually more interested in doing the SOTA activations rather than worrying about the contest, but if this is ok, then I will enter the contest for these three activations - which will be in three different shires.

73 Wayne VK3WAM

863. Re: Use of alert features

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-08 00:28:18 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 862 Message: 863

Hi Wayne,

There is no reason that you cant promote PRIOR - Generic promotion is always allowed -

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864. Re: Use of alert features & VK3WAM activity

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-08 05:22:51 UTC
From: Wayne
Topic: 862 Message: 864

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865. Re: Use of alert features & VK3WAM activity

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-08 05:23:51 UTC
From: Wayne
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Activation 3 is in SS3 shire.

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866. NZART Memorial Contest 2011

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-22 23:40:24 UTC
From: Phillip
Topic: 866 Message: 866
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi all,

Can you please get this to as many as possible

Please tell others and we would appreciate your support
It's also been mooted that if this contest doesn't attract more competitors
it could be canned !!!

NZART Memorial Contest
July 7th and 8th 2012

http://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contest-rules/rules-memorial/

73 Phillip
ZL2TZE

867. VK Shires Logs

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-06-29 01:25:53 UTC
From: vk2bo
Topic: 867 Message: 867

I have received logs for the VK Shires contest and I will start colating them over the weekend, I will also post a list of logs that I have received so that if I have missed any they can be sent.

Cheers
Richard
VK2BO

868. RD Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-08-06 03:46:17 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 868 Message: 868

Remember to keep this weekend free for the RD contest.

Starts 0300UTC (1PM East Oz Time)

Rules, Quick Reference guide, etc avail for download on
http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/rdcontest/index.php

FAQ's added at end of rules due to being asked the same questions over and over, so hopefully that will clarify some of the rules.
They are:
A. One can only use one callsign for the contest. ie cannot work with the club and go home and use your own call.
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D. In your log you can log 'rounded frequencies' Like 3500 instead of 3565.
E. A club station is not a team, but can be part of one. (Read and understand the Team Scenarios'
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F. Output power is as per your licence conditions.
G. Multi-ops, If you dont know the longest licenced ham in the club, then use the longest licence ham years available at the start,
just keep the same number throughout the contest.

If you wish to form a team of 3 (read the scenarios first!) please notify me by the start of the contest.

Have fun and hope to work you in the contest.
GL

Alan
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869. RD Logger update

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-08-06 08:36:54 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 869 Message: 869

Just to let everyone know that the RD Logger by John Drew VK5DJ, has just had an update and is

finished in all its glory and ready for download. V8.08.

For those used to using the space bar (Like N1MM/WinKey loggers etc) to toggle from the entered call
to the signal/exchange report, you will be pleased to know that both the RD Logger and Mikes VKCL logger
now have that functionality making it very quick to log calls during that inevitable pile up. :-)

So logging is now very easy, Call, {Enter}, Exchange, {Enter}. Next please!

FYI es Thanks to John & Mike for making the changes.

Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest Manager

870. Re: [VKCC] RD Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-08-06 10:14:35 UTC
From: Trent Sampson
Topic: 870 Message: 870

Thats great to hear Peter - What will you be running antenna wise ?? the quarter wave vertical again

Be good to hear you guys on for the contest

Trent
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From: Peter Blackadder <pblackadder@...>
To: vkcc@yahoogroups.com
Cc: "vkshires@yahoogroups.com" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, 6 August 2012 8:10 PM
Subject: Re: [VKCC] RD Contest

Hello All

Listen out for VK8DA on 40m for our monster signal that'll blow ya socks off.
We'll be operating multi-multi from Humpty Doo.

Cheers
Peter
VK8HPB

On 6 August 2012 13:16, Alan Shannon <vk4sn@...> wrote:

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>Remember to keep this weekend free for the RD contest.
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>Starts 0300UTC (1PM East Oz Time)
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>Rules, Quick Reference guide, etc avail for download on
http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/rdcontest/index.php
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>FAQ's added at end of rules due to being asked the same questions over and over, so hopefully that will clarify some of the rules.

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871. Re: [vkshires] RD Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-08-06 11:28:37 UTC
From: David
Topic: 868 Message: 871

Just one comment

FAQ "A" disadvantages small clubs or clubs with small number of contesters and should be remove or at least reworded to say "More then one callsign from the same location/station."

If reword to this then one can not use the one station/location for more then one callsign and must relocate to another location/station for the 2nd callsign this way one can not call the same station with both callsigns one after another.

At 13:46 6/08/2012, you wrote:

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>over and over, so hopefully that will clarify some of the rules.
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><snip>

David
VK3JDA

872. [VKCC] TEAM WALAROO for RD CONTEST TEAMS Category

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-08-07 22:23:39 UTC
From: Trent Sampson
Topic: 872 Message: 872

To enter the teams category we need one more operator,

F Calls, Standards, Full Calls, Multi Single, all OK -

anyone ??

One more player to make up a team for the RD contest can be based anywhere in VK or ZL -

Regards

Trent
Trent Sampson VK4TS

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From: Trent Sampson <vk4ts@...>
To: VKCC <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Monday, 6 August 2012 8:23 PM
Subject: [VKCC] TEAM WALAROO

Who is interested in entering the teams section of the RD next weekend ?

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873. RD team submissions so far

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-08-11 00:01:48 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 873 Message: 873

Hi all,

So far we have 7 team submissions for the Remembrance Day contest starting today 0300z

1. Team Wallaroo - VK4TS, VK4GH, VK7NET
2. ACT Contesters - VK1MT (M1), VK1HW, VK1PAR
3. Lockyer Legends - VK4MN, VK4QH, VK4SN
4. Elizabeth ARC T1 - VK5LZ (M1), VK5NE, VK5KX
5. Elizabeth ARC T2 - VK5ZD/P, VK5UE, VK5AIM
6. EARC Science Alive - VK5NI/P, VK5FPAW/P, VK5FSCK/P
7. Team Wait-A-While - VK6ZRW, VK6TWO, VK6IR

Remember to have your team submission to me by start of contest if you still haven't done it.

I'll be around the bands in SSB, CW and RTTY.
(Don't know if I'll hear much on VHF/UHF out here in the country, but I'll have a listen anyway)

Good luck in the contest and remember to have fun.

73
Alan
VK4SN at wia dot org dot au

874. RD Logs please

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-08-26 01:01:11 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 874 Message: 874

Hi All,

15 days to go to get your RD logs in.

With the new state scoring system, it's anyones game at present. 2 to 5 logs for a single state will make a difference and change balance of power!!

So please send in your log if you haven't done so.
rdlogs@... or vk4sn@...

Best 73's
Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest manager.

875. How to create the cabrillo file for VKCL and RD Contest logger

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-08-28 05:55:27 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 875 Message: 875

How to create the cabrillo file for VKCL and RD Contest logger

Seems a few are having problems finding the .log file required for the RD contest.

Here's a 'heads-up' for RD Logger and VKCL logger.

RD Logger
Open RD Logger if it's not.

1. Click "View Contacts"
2. Fill out all the details for the Summary Sheet
3. On the bottom left hand side, click on "Make Cabrillo"
4. Make sure the file is called YOURCALL.log

Under c:\Program Files you will find the RD Logger
folder. Under this folder you will
find another folder called Cabrillo.
YOURCALL.log will be in here.
Attach this .log file to your email and send to
rdlogs@...

VKCL LOGGER

1. Open VKCL logger –
it should still have the RD showing as the last used contest
(Unless you
ALARA'd on the weekend- in which case recall the RD)
2. Click "View Log" Button on left hand side
3. Bottom right hand corner click on "Exp.
Cabrillo Log"
4. Fill in your details and click "Create
File" and click yes to the question box and you should see the logbook.
5. Cancel out
of everything, and then attach the .LOG file to your email to me.
You will find the .log file in the folder you selected when you set up VKCL for the
contest.

REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR LOG IN!!

73
Alan
VK4SN
RD contest manager.

876. JACK FILES 2012

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-09-06 22:04:58 UTC
From: Trent Sampson
Topic: 876 Message: 876

PLEASE FORWARD TO LOCAL CLUBS NEWSLETTERS

The Jack Files Contest will not be run in 2012 -

There has been many changes over the past few years and with a very busy calender, the availability of a the time slot and of volunteers has caused a temporary suspension -

In 2013 the Jack Files Contest will be back bigger and bolder than ever -

Stay tuned

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877. CLUB CATEGORY OCEANIA Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-09-15 00:00:18 UTC
From: Trent Sampson
Topic: 877 Message: 877

The Oceania Dx Contest takes place over the first two full weekends of October and one category seems to get overlooked - that is the clubs category sponsored by the VK Contest Club -

The VK Contest Club (VKCC) is a group of keen contesters who are bound together by a love of contesting and a Yahoo Group - the club is free to join.

The VKCC members are keen contestants in the Oceania Dx contest and have created a special trophy inside the Oceania contest for the Club with the highest number of entrants - its interesting in that the award is for the most entrants and only in the event of a tie are the individual scores considered -

Make a beeline for the SSB and CW weekend and see how many of your club members can jump on the HF bands - they must make 50 contacts to qualify and a minimum number of entrants required is only 3 - Last years winner was EMDRC with three entrants -make it tough on them to defend their title !!!

Look forward to hearing everyone on air for the most active VK and ZL contest, the Oceania DX contest

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878. CONTEST PHOTO's RD 2012

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-09-15 22:33:42 UTC
From: Trent Sampson
Topic: 878 Message: 878

Hello everyone ,

To promote radio sport we need to promote the fun activity side - If you have photo's of operators or antennas or anything else relevant to a contest operation make sure you send photo's to:

Your local club for inclusion in the club newsletter or WEBSITE

The contest manager to allow them to include it in their reports

The forums you commonly use -

Right now the RD contest article is ready for AR and we need as many happy snaps as possible - Scrounge those hard drives and phones and lets see what turns up and forward them everywhere -

Cheers - Hope to hear everyone on air in October for the Oceania DX Contest

73

Trent

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879. Re: [VKCC] CONTEST PHOTO's RD 2012

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-09-16 06:54:16 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 878 Message: 879

Thanks Trent,

I have some photos already, but some come without comments or what or who,
so if anyone has any pics please send them to me WITH comments or captions for the photos.
send to vk4sn at wia dot org dot au.

AR article is ready and also the winner certificates are being printed this week. I dont know
if we'll make Octobers Issue, but for sure in November.

Cheers

Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest Manager

From: Trent Sampson <vk4ts@...>
To: VK SHIRES <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>; VKCC <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>; "ODXGINC@yahoogroups.com.au" <ODXGINC@yahoogroups.com.au>; "OceaniaDXTest@yahoogroups.com" <OceaniaDXTest@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Sunday, 16 September 2012 8:33 AM
Subject: [VKCC] CONTEST PHOTO's RD 2012

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880. 2012 Oceania DX Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-09-16 20:56:50 UTC
From: Trent Sampson
Topic: 880 Message: 880

Hi everyone

The 2012 Oceania DX contest is now only 3 weeks away, with the Phone SSB section on the first weekend in October and the CW section on the second weekend in October. This will be a great opportunity to work a lot of DX stations in the Oceania region, as well as giving your station a test drive for the new DX contest season and the CQ WW contest events later in the year. We are expecting a good turn out from VK, ZL and YB stations, as well as stations from some of the rarer Pacific entities.

The main aim of the contest is to promote HF contacts with stations in the Oceania region. Oceania stations can work other Oceania and non-Oceania stations. Non-Oceania stations can only work Oceania stations.

Here is brief summary of the rules for the 2012 contest:

PHONE: 08:00 UTC Saturday 6 October to 08:00 UTC Sunday 7 October
CW: 08:00 UTC Saturday 13 October to 08:00 UTC Sunday 14 October

Bands: 160M to 10M (excluding WARC bands).
Exchange: RS(T) + serial number.
QSO points: 20 points per QSO on 160M; 10 points on 80M; 5 points on 40M; 1 point on 20M; 2 points on 15M; and 3 points on 10M.

Final Score: The sum of the QSO points multiplied by the number of prefixes worked (the same prefix can be counted once on each band).

Entry Categories:
Single Operator All Band Low Power (max 100W)
Single Operator All Band High Power
Single Operator Single Band Low Power (max 100W)
Single Operator Single Band High Power
M1 Multiple Operators and Single Transmitter (only one transmitted signal at any time)
M2 Multiple Operators and Two Transmitters (no more than two transmitted signals at any time and on different bands)
MM Multiple Operators and Multiple Transmitters (no more than one transmitted signal at any time on each band)
Shortwave Listener (receive only) All Band

A range of trophies and plaques will be awarded as listed on the web site at http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/trophies.htm. Certificates will be awarded to the winning stations in each of the categories above - for each continent and country. A participation certificate will also be awarded to every station that makes at least one valid QSO.

The contest committee is pleased to announce that new plaques will be available for winners of the following categories in the 2012 contest:
- Top entrant from Oceania in the PHONE M2 category (sponsored by the South Pacific Contest Club)
- Top entrant from Oceania in the CW M2 category (sponsored by the South Pacific Contest Club)
- Top entrant from Asia in the PHONE M2 category (sponsored by QRO Communications and OM Power)
- Top entrant from Asia in the CW M2 category (sponsored by QRO Communications and OM Power)
- Top entrant from VK in the PHONE Single Operator All Band Low Power category (sponsored by the Australia Central Coast Amateur Radio Club)
- Top entrant from VK in PHONE Single Operator All Band HIGH Power category (sponsored by Tony Hambling VK3VTH)

Additionally, Lee Moyle VK3GK is the new sponsor of the the plaque awarded to the top entrant from Asia in the PHONE Single Operator ALL Band category, and the rules for the Australia Club plaque have been updated so that a club now only requires 3 participant stations in order to compete for this award.

Log Submission Deadline: All logs must be emailed or postmarked NO LATER than 12 November 2012.

Note: The 2012 contest is also recognised as a qualifying event for Oceania contesters that are interested in seeking selection for the next World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) in 2014. See http://wrtc2014.org/team-selection/ for more information about the WRTC and team selection.

More information about the contest, including the detailed rules, is available from the Oceania DX Contest web site at http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/index.html .

73 and we look forward to seeing you in the pile ups!

Oceania DX Contest Committee
ZL1AZE/VK3MI, ZL3GA, VK2HN, VK3TZ, VK4TS, VK6DXI, VK7GN

881. RD RESULTS OUT NOW

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-09-25 10:23:18 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 881 Message: 881

Hi All,

I've just posted the Remembrance Day contest results on the WIA website.
There will be a full report in November issue of Amateur Radio and and 18 page
downloadable PDF statistics and info file available once AR is out.

Have fun all, and thanks for participating.

http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/rdcontest/index.php

Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest Manager

882. At least it didn't happen last weekend

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-10-09 04:12:02 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 882 Message: 882

73 es gud dx

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883. Full RD results and stats now out.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-10-29 06:00:52 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 883 Message: 883

Hi All,

AR mag is now out and I have posted to the WIA website, a full 18 page PDF RD report that includes the AR blurb and many

more statistics and soapbox comments - if you wish to download it and have a look.

A PDF file of state winner certificates is also available for downloading and printing your own certificate if you were lucky
enough to come 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in your state/territory/P2 or ZL area..

All major place getters will have received a mailed certificate from the WIA national office.

Best 73's and thanks for your logs and participation.

Alan
VK4SN
RD contest manager.

884. Results of the 2012 Worked all VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2012-11-18 12:22:23 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 884 Message: 884

Good Evening all,

Firstly, please accept my apologies for the late reporting of the contest results, I was actually travelling around Australia when the contest was run and missed out on competing which is a disappointment.

Secondly I would like to thank Trent VK4TS for sorting the results out, I had some troubles with the software.

Thirdly I would like to thank all that took part in this contest and hope to hear you all again next year.

So here it is,

VK7ZX VK SHIRES 318024 VK MULTI-TWO ALL
VK2LAW VK SHIRES 196075 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VI2FG30 VK SHIRES 72864 VK MULTI-TWO ALL
VK4FD VK SHIRES 46410 VK MULTI-TWO ALL ROVER
VK4QH VK SHIRES 45815 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK8GM VK SHIRES 25560 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK3AVV VK SHIRES 20769 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK4SN VK SHIRES 18560 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK5PAS VK SHIRES 18120 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK4WIP VK SHIRES 15481 VK MULTI-TWO ALL
VK4MN VK SHIRES 11500 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK4GH VK SHIRES 10450 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK7GN/2 VK SHIRES 7885 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK4KRX VK SHIRES 5846 VK SINGLE-OP ALL ROVER
VK3MEG VK SHIRES 5005 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK3LDR VK SHIRES 4752 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK5LJ VK SHIRES 3900 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK#GDR VK SHIRES 3648 VK MULTI-TWO ALL
VK6MAB VK SHIRES 3410 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK3NRW VK-SHIRES 2300 SINGLE-OP ALL LOW MIXED
VK2ACL VK SHIRES 2244 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK4MIT VK SHIRES 1599 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK4FABD VK SHIRES 896 VK SINGLE-OP ALL FOUNDATION
VK4FHYH VK SHIRES 840 VK SINGLE-OP ALL ROVER
VK3SMC VK SHIRES 837 VK SINGLE-OP ALL ROVER
ZL2AYZ VK SHIRES 783 DX SINGLE-OP ALL
VK4VDX vK SHIRES 756 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK7CW VK SHIRES 196 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK5KX VK SHIRES 195 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK4FAAJ VK SHIRES 36 VK SINGLE-OP ALL
FOUNDATION
EA2DT VK SHIRES 16 SINGLE-OP ALL LOW SSB

DU7HF VK-SHIRES 9 SINGLE-OP
VK6FAME VK SHIRES 5 VK SINGLE-OP FOUNDATION
UA1AFT VK SHIRES 0 SINGLE-OP ALL HIGH SSB

If your name appears in this list in RED you are the recipient of a certificate which will be printed and posted to your address ASAP.

Thanks for your support in competing in this great contest and hope to be able to compete myself next year.

I will update the website for the contest at http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/worked-all-vk-shires-contest.html to reflect the results also.

Cheers

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Richard Neilsen
President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2BO
0427019046

885. Hey!

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-02-02 00:44:34 UTC
From: Craig Edwards
Topic: 885 Message: 885

http://www.compute-able.com/components/com_content/YaID5232.php

2/2/2013 1:44:33 AM
Craig Edwards
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886. WIA Contest Champion - VK4PJ Peter Brown Trophy

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-02-02 22:43:06 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 886 Message: 886

W.I.A. Contest Champion - VK4PJ Peter Brown Trophy

The W.I.A. Contest Champion is awarded annually for the best combined effort in W.I.A. Sponsored Contests.

To qualify for the trophy
1. You must be a member of the WIA and
2. submit a log to at least 3 of the qualifying contests

Points for the contest(s) are awarded on the following scale
1st place in section 100 Points
Second 80 points
Third 60 points
Fourth 40 points
Fifth 20 points

You can only claim one score per contest. eg. If you entered 2M SSB and you were also the overall winner only one of the section wins count not both.

For operation as a member of a multi operator station scores are 0.6 of normal eg member of 1st place multi op maximum points are 60 points.

NB Operators of Multi ops callsigns MUST be submitted with the log or no points can be allocated.

If you change callsign during the calender year the most recent callsign will be used and it is your responsibility to notify the contest committee of the change.

In the event of a tie the title is shared.

The score is taken from the best performance in each category in a contest and there are 7 different W.I.A. contests.

The qualifying contests are;

Ross Hull Contest
John Moyle National Field Day
Harry Angel
Remembrance Day Contest

Oceania DX Phone
Oceania DX CW
VHF/UHF Field Days * (Best Score from one only)

The Categories where points are allocated are :

Ross Hull
Best 7 Days Analog

Best 7 Days Digital
Best 2 Days Analog
Best 2 Days Digital

JMFD

24 Hour Portable Operation – Multiple Operator
Multi Operator, All Mode, All Band
Multi Operator, Phone only, VHF Bands
Multi Operator, Phone Only, All Bands
Multi Operator, All Mode, HF Bands
Multi Operator, Phone only, HF Bands

24 Hour Portable Operation – Single Operator
Single Operator, Phone only, All Band
Single Operator, Phone only VHF
Single Operator, Phone only, HF
Single operator, All Mode, All Bands

Six Hour Portable Operation – Multiple Operator
Multi Operator, All Mode, All Bands
Multi Operator Phone Only, All Bands
Multi Operator Phone Only, HF Bands
Multi Operator All Mode, HF Bands

Six Hour Portable Operation – Single Operator
Single Operator, All Mode, VHF Bands
Single Operator, Phone Only, VHF Bands
Single Operator, Phone Only, HF Bands
Single Operator, All Mode, HF Bands
Single Operator, Phone Only, All Bands
Single Operator, CW Only, HF Bands

Home Station – 24 Hour
Home Station, All Bands
Home Station, HF Bands
Home Station, VHF Bands

Home Station - 6 Hour
Home Station, All Bands
Home Station, VHF Bands
Home Station, HF Bands

Harry Angel
Phone
CW
Mixed

RD
Single op Phone
Single Op CW
Single Op Mixed

QRP Phone
QRP CW
QRP Mixed
Multi Single
Multi Multi

ODXPh
Single op Low Power
Single op High Power
Multi Single
Multi One
Multi Two
Multi Multi

ODXCw
Single op Low Power
Single op High Power
Multi Single
Multi One
Multi Two
Multi Multi

VHF/UHF Field Days (one score only)

Portable Single Op 24 hours
Portable Single Op 8 hours
Portable Multi Op 24 hours
Portable Multi Op 8 hours
Home Single Op 24 hours
Rover 24 hours

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887. John Moyle N1MM logger - new contest added.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-02-06 10:28:35 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 887 Message: 887

HI All,

I have created 3 User defined John Moyle loggers for N1MM.
One for HF home, HF portable, and one for HF to UHF+.

Our club participates in the John Moyle each year in a Multi Multi portable environment. For those of you who do this will understand the tremendous amount of paper log work, or fumbling over what number are we up to on such and such a band, or who has the 7mhz log.? This provoked me to create the logger especially for the multi multi Ops, but single ops can use it to. We use cable and wireless networking between laptops.

The HF only section loggers will do everything automatically. Scoring, dupes over 3 hr period,
starting each band with 001 for multi op stns etc.... It will produce cabrillo, which the contest manager isn't fussed on, but also I have created a generic print out suiting the layout
required - even band sorted for us multi multi's. It can then be pasted into the supplied Excel sheet provided by the contest manager.

The HF-Uhf part of the logger can only be scored manually due to huge variances in distance scoring. Apart from that, the multi multi is the main benefit for keeping logs in order.

Personally, if I was doing a single op entry, I'd be inclined to use VKCL logger, but the N1MM
option is the ONLY way to go for multi multi stations to save them so much work and hassle. The only thing it won't do is check for 2 consecutive callsigns or the 5min between same calls when changing blocks.

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73's es have fun
Alan
VK4SN

888. Re: [vkshires] John Moyle N1MM logger - new contest added.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-02-06 10:32:38 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 887 Message: 888

Oh, and I forgot the mention that the N1MM logger calculates the distance between grid squares, so you know what points to enter in the points field. :-)

From: Alan Shannon <vk4sn@yahoo.com>
To: "vkcc@yahoogroups.com" <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>; VK SHIRES <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2013 8:28 PM
Subject: [vkshires] John Moyle N1MM logger - new contest added.

HI All,

I have created 3 User defined John Moyle loggers for N1MM.
One for HF home, HF portable, and one for HF to UHF+.

Our club participates in the John Moyle each year in a Multi Multi portable environment. For those of you who do this will understand the tremendous amount of paper log work, or fumbling over what number are we up to on such and such a band, or who has the 7mhz log.? This provoked me to create the logger especially for the multi multi Ops, but single ops can use it to. We use cable and wireless networking between laptops.

The HF only section loggers will do everything automatically. Scoring, dupes over 3 hr period,
starting each band with 001 for multi op stns etc.... It will produce cabrillo, which the contest manager isn't fussed on, but also I have created a
generic print out suiting the layout
required - even band sorted for us multi multi's. It can then be pasted into the supplied Excel sheet provided by the contest manager.

The HF-Uhf part of the logger can only be scored manually due to huge variances in distance scoring. Apart from that, the multi multi is the main benefit for keeping logs in order.

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VK4SN

889. 2102 VK Shires Contest Results.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-02-06 11:32:02 UTC
From: vk2bo
Topic: 889 Message: 889

Sorry for the delay in getting the results out.

The list of certificate winners can be found on the website at,

http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/2012-vk-shires-contest-results.html

There is also information about the 2013 contest on the website also.

Cheers

Richard
VK2BO

890. 2013 VK Shires Contest Details.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-02-06 11:35:19 UTC
From: vk2bo
Topic: 890 Message: 890

Details for this years VK Shires Contest cam be found on the website at.

http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/worked-all-vk-shires-contest.html

Hope to hear you all out there roving around this great country.

Cheers

Richard
VK2BO

891. Re: [vkshires] 2102 VK Shires Contest Results.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-02-06 11:37:54 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 889 Message: 891

Thanks Richard.. Where's the full list?

BTW it's VK7ZX for Laurie, not VK2

cheers
Alan
VK4SN

From: vk2bo <richardneilsen@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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892. Re: [vkshires] 2102 VK Shires Contest Results.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-02-06 12:46:30 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 889 Message: 892

Sorry about that, I have corrected Laurie's callsign and placed the
entire list of logs on the home page of this yahoo group.

Cheers

Richard Neilsen
President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2BO
0427019046

On 6/02/2013 10:37 PM, Alan Shannon wrote:
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893. N1MM John Moyle and HA Memorial loggers now available

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-02-08 09:24:31 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 893 Message: 893

Hi All,

The N1MM user defined contest for the John Moyle is now available on the website.
JMMFD.ZIP (The WIA_JMMFD.zip is out of date)
JMMFD-HF-P is for HF portable stations only, and the other JMMFD-AB is for the rest of the sections. If you're going multi-op this year, the HF-P is the ONLY way to go as it logs correctly in a networked environment.. READ the instructions first.!

http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-list_file_gallery.php?galleryId=18&offset=50

I was asked to do a Harry Angel Sprint for N1MM as well, its there under WIA_HAMS.UDC
http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-list_file_gallery.php?galleryId=18&offset=100

Any ideas or changes please let me know.

Cheers and enjoy!
Alan
VK4SN

894. 3/7/2013 1:45:57 AM

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-03-07 00:45:59 UTC
From: Tom Hatton
Topic: 894 Message: 894

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Tom Hatton

3/7/2013 1:45:57 AM

895. 3/7/2013 6:59:31 PM

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-03-07 17:59:32 UTC
From: Peter Blackadder
Topic: 895 Message: 895

http://www.peritoscat.com/zg/xxnswpxr/giplhefc/jeotwphsoxz/iywkldp

Peter Blackadder

3/7/2013 6:59:31 PM

896. John Moyle Memorial Field Day

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-03-16 00:02:48 UTC
From: vk4gh
Topic: 896 Message: 896

Last minute reminder that the JMMFD starts shortly at 01:00utc 16 March, for 24 hours. 6 & 24 hour sections, HF and VHF, so at least support the contest by making some contacts. VKCL Logging program supports the contest.
Catherine VK4GH

897. ~~

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-04-03 17:31:36 UTC
From: L M
Topic: 897 Message: 897

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L M

4/3/2013 6:31:18 PM

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4/3/2013 6:31:18 PM
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898. VK Shires 2013 Announcement

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-04-05 23:27:02 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 898 Message: 898

Upcoming Contest Date & Time

The VK SHIRES is always held on the June long weekend, which is the weekend prior to the second Monday of June each year..

Contest Rules
The Australian Shires Contest

Held the weekend prior to the second Monday of June every year.

Starts: 06.00 UTC Saturday, June 8, 2013
Ends: 06.00 UTC
Sunday, June 9, 2013
I. Contest Period: 24 hours for all stations, all categories.
II. Objectives: The objectives of this contest are for amateurs around the world to contact as many VK shires as possible in the contest period. IE. VK amateurs are to work the world including VK, whilst the rest of the world can only work VK
III.
A) Bands:. 80 Metres 3.500 - 3.700 MHz, 40 Metres 7.000 - 7.250 MHz, 20 Metres 14.000 - 14.300 MHz, 15 Metres 21.000 - 21.350 MHz, 10 Metres 28.000 - 28.600 MHz. Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted for VK stations which means the rest of the world can operate above 3.700 mhz. ie. split operation
B) Modes: SSB and CW only
IV. Class of Competition:
For all categories:
Transmitters and receivers for a fixed station must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle or within the property limits of the station licensee’s address, whichever is greater.
If you are a member of a multi op team you can not partake in the contest as an individual in any way. Please note that you are permitted to have up to two transmitted signals going simultaneously.
All contest operation must be within operator’s licence restrictions and conditions, eg power output, bands used, etc.
Single OP stations are only permitted one transmitted signal at a time.

No operator is permitted to use more than one callsign for the entirety of the contest.

A Rover station is a VK station who goes either portable or mobile for the entirety of the contest and activates more than one shire.

Please note that all portable equipment can not be set up prior to the Friday preceding the contest and no earlier than at 00.01utc.

The Rover who moves into a new SHIRE may count the same MULTIPLIER more than once per band as long as the Rover is in a new SHIRE location. Such change in location must be clearly indicated in the log.
IE. A Rover station becomes a new QSO to the stations working them when that STATION

changes SHIRE locator.

Please note that in all
categories below you may change band and mode as often as you like. You may also work the same station multiple consecutive bands/modes one behind the other. EG work VK4XX on 20m SSB then qsy to 15m CW then qsy to 80m CW then qsy to 40m SSB etc

1. VK Single – OP All Band Rover: Single operator(s) must do all contest related things by themself.
2. VK Multi – Two All Band Rover : Is 2 or more operators with maximum of two transmitted signals at any one time. This category MUST USE Software CONTEST LOGGERS. All operators must be fully listed when the log is submitted.
3. VK Single Op All Band…... same conditions as number 1 above
4. VK Multi – Two All Band…. same conditions as number 2 above
5. VK Single Op Foundation: Is a VK foundation licensee who must do all contest related things by themself..
6. DX Single Op–All Band…... Is a single op who must do all contest related things by themself..

V. Exchange: All VK operators to exchange callsign, RST followed by the VK shire abbreviation as per the official list provided . EG…… VK4XX ……59BU4 or 599BU4
Stations outside VK to exchange callsign, RST followed by CQ ZONE.
EG. ZL1AMO 5932 or 59932

VI. Multipliers: For stations outside VK : The multiplier is the number of different VK shires worked per band. A “VK shire” is counted once per band per mode. IE. If you work it on SSB it can be counted again on CW .To enter the contest you must have worked at least one VK Shire –
VII. For VK Stations: The multiplier is each VK shire worked per band and mode as above as well as each CQ Zone worked per band and mode .
VIII. NB. VARIATION FOR ROVER STATIONS. ROVERS CAN REWORK FROM MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
IX..

Contest Scoring
One (1) point per QSO. Phone and CW can be worked on each band with the same station.

Multiply total QSO points times total number of multipliers worked (ie. If you worked 33 on 80m, 43 on 40m , 16 on 20m, 21 on 15m and 5 on 10m that would be a total of 118)

Example 1. VK4XX works stations as follows:
600 qsos x 1 point = 600points
118 vk shires worked + 35 cq zones worked = 153
600 x 153= 91,800
VK4XX final score is 91,800

Example 2. ZL1AMO works stations as follows:
700 qsos with VK amateurs x 1 point = 700
118 VK shires work
700 x 118 = 82,600
Zl1AMO final score is 82,600

Submitting Your Log
Log Submissions: Log entries must be submitted by July 1st 2013 to be eligible for awards.

Submit your electronic log in the Cabrillo format created by all major logging programs.

Send via e-mail attachment to vkshires@...

. Subject line: Callsign [used in the contest] only. SINGLE OP stations may submit a paper log, only if they make less than 100 qsos.
VK entrants are reminded to be sure their log indicates their VK shire location. If you go portable or mobile the log must clearly define where you changed location.

To enter a paper log simply Click on the “VK SHIRES Web Form” link
at http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/vkshires_cab.php

Computer-generated logs must be e-submitted. Callsigns of electronic logs received are posted and updated regularly on the website.

Contest Results
Results will be published in both Amateur Radio and on the VK Shires Website, the first week of October every year.

Logging Software

VKCL http://web.aanet.com.au/mnds/

W3KM http://www.qsl.net/w3km/gen_log.htm

SD Logger http://www.ei5di.com/

CQTESTWIN http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~wxl/Downlod.html
Files For Download
ALL VK SHIRES and Municipalities 2010 complete list
ALL VK SHIRES .... MUNICIPALITIES 2010.xls
Australian Shires Contest Rules
Australian Shires Contest Rules.doc

73 es gud dx

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Trent Sampson VK4TS

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899. COQC QRP Hours contest - TONIGHT 6/4/13

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-04-06 06:17:35 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 899 Message: 899

I'll be on tonight for the QRP hours contest. (max 10w Avg)

Starts 1000Z to 1200z (8PM TO 10PM QLD Time)

1st hour CW/RTTY/PSK31 (CW 3500-3535, R/P 3620-3630khz)
2nd hour SSB (3550-3590)

rules = http://vkqrpclub.org/qrp_hours_contest_2013.php

Hope to c u on.

Alan
VK4SN

900. NCDXF Press Release

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-04-23 20:19:56 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 900 Message: 900

Press Release
FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

22 April 2013

NCDXF DX University and Contest University Scholarships

NCDXF is committed to bringing younger DXers and Contesters into our hobby. NCDXF will provide full tuition scholarships for hams 25 years of age and younger at all DX University and Contest University sessions held in North America for the next year. This includes those held at the Dayton Hamvention next month.

Funding for this project comes from NCDXF's Scholarship Endowment Fund, which is separate from its General Fund used to support DXpeditions.

Credit for the success of NCDXF is made possible by our contributors, individuals and clubs.

Joining or renewing membership has never been easier. Please visit our website at http://www.ncdxf.org/

Glenn Johnson, WØGJ
Vice President, NCDXF
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ICPO mailing list
Home: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/icpo
Help: http://mailman.qth.net/mmfaq.htm
Post: mailto:ICPO@...

This list hosted by: http://www.qsl.net
Please help support this email list: http://www.qsl.net/donate.html

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Yahoo!7 Groups Links

    http://au.docs.yahoo.com/info/terms/

902. WINTER FIELD DAY

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-05-11 21:53:43 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 902 Message: 902

WINTER FIELD DAY

More points are up for grabs in the WIA Contest Champion - VK4PJ Peter Brown Trophy, the cunning ones are picking obscure categories to grab 100 points...

The Winter Field Day will be held over the weekend of 22/23 June. Please check the rules - there have been some minor changes.
The VHF-UHF Field Days provide VHF-UHF operators with the opportunity to "head for the hills" and see how far they can work.

The Field Days have separate sections for single and multiple operator stations. The duration of the Field Day is 24 hours, but there are also 8 hour sections for operators who may not be able to camp overnight. Most club stations prefer to operate for the full 24 hours.

The Field Days also generate plenty of activity from home stations, so there is also a separate Home Station section.

http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/vhfuhf/

73 es gud dx

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903. Worked All VK Shires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-05-11 21:55:34 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 903 Message: 903

Worked All VK Shires
Australian Shires (VK Shires)
Contest Manager
VK Shires Contest Manager

Richard Neilsen
President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2BO

richardneilsen@...

Contest Introduction
ALL HF Bands available to Standard licencees -
Modes are SSB and CW and stations can be worked once on each mode.

ROVER stations as well as portable entries make up part of the character of the VK Shires as well as the timing to take place over an East Coast Long Weekend.(Queens Birthday)

Aim Of The Contest
The objectives of this contest are for amateurs around the world to contact as many VK shires as possible in the contest period.

VK amateurs are to work the world including VK, whilst the rest of the world can only work VK.

73 es gud dx

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904. Licence up grade

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-05 09:37:50 UTC
From: Neil Shand
Topic: 904 Message: 904

Hello to all
just a short note to let you know that I now have upgraded my radio licence
to a standard class new call sign is VK4HNS
email address is still vk4fhyh@...
Cheers Neil

905. Re: [vkshires] Licence up grade

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-05 09:57:02 UTC
From: Trent VK4TS
Topic: 904 Message: 905

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Well done Neil

Congratulations

Regards

Trent Sampson
0408497550
Sent from iPhone

On 05/06/2013, at 7:37 PM, Neil Shand <vk4fhyh@...> wrote:

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906. VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-06 05:23:22 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 906 Message: 906

Just a reminder that the VK Shires contest is this weekend.

All the information is available at http://vkshires.vk2bo.com

Hope to hear you in the contest.

Cheers

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Richard Neilsen
President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2BO
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907. Shire Codes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-09 00:02:44 UTC
From: Jeff
Topic: 907 Message: 907

Can someone please tell me where I can get a complete Vk Shires code list or a shire codes list for vk3
Thanks de VK3BAJ - Jeff

908. Re: [vkshires] Shire Codes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-09 00:26:39 UTC
From: Trent VK4TS
Topic: 907 Message: 908

WIA website has an excel

Regards

Trent Sampson
0408497550
Sent from iPhone

On 09/06/2013, at 10:02 AM, "Jeff" <jeff.baber@...> wrote:

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909. Re: Shire Codes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-09 00:41:53 UTC
From: Jeff
Topic: 907 Message: 909

Thanks Trent
--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Trent VK4TS <vk4ts@...> wrote:
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910. Re: [vkshires] Shire Codes

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-09 02:43:56 UTC
From: meggala
Topic: 907 Message: 910

hi it is at the bottom of the page

http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/wavks/
cheers vk3meg

On Sun, Jun 9, 2013 at 10:02 AM, Jeff <jeff.baber@y7mail.com> wrote:

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hey check out my website
http://meggala.com

911. re shires list

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-09 03:25:30 UTC
From: Jeff
Topic: 911 Message: 911

Thanks to those who replied to my post regarding shires code list
73 de Jeff VK3BAJ

912. WIA Contest Champion Top Ten Mid-Point

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-17 21:34:00 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 912 Message: 912

VK2TQ Peter Richardson 0 100 100 0 0 0 0 200
VK2DAG MK Hetherington 0 0 80 0 0 0 100 180
VK4ADC Douglas Hunter 60 100 0 0 0 0 20 180
VK4OE Douglas Friend 0 100 0 0 0 0 60 160
VK5KK DK Minchin 0 60 0 0 0 0 80 140
VK5ZD Iain Crawford 0 60 0 0 0 0 80 140
VK4SN Alan Shannon 0 36 100 0 0 0 0 136
VK2KJJ Knud Olesen-Jensen 0 48 80 0 0 0 0 128
VK4YZ MC Strong 0 60 60 0 0 0 0 120
VK4QH Kenneth Bawden 0 36 80 0 0 0 0 116

http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/contestchampion/

These are the current top ten in the WIA Contest Champion VK4PJ Trophy.

The Harry Angel results are now added into the mix and a new leader has emerged. VK2TQ Peter Richardson
The Winter Field Day VHF UHF is coming up soon and in August sees the Remembrance Day - Good Luck in the Contest(s)

73 es gud dx

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913. VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-21 07:03:06 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 906 Message: 913

Don't forget that July 1st is the last day to get you logs in for the VK Shires contest.

There was a good turnout this year with 52 logs being submitted so far.

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Hope you all enjoyed the contest this year.

Cheers

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President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
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914. RE: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-21 07:14:51 UTC
From: <lyn@...>
Topic: 906 Message: 914

oops! thanks for reminder!

lyn VK4SWE

Mornington Shire MG4

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Richard Neilsen
Sent: Friday, 21 June 2013 5:03 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com; vkcc@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

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915. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-21 07:15:16 UTC
From: Steve Chamberlain
Topic: 906 Message: 915

Hi Richard,

In the rules it states “Computer-generated logs must be e-submitted. Callsigns of electronic logs received are posted and updated regularly on the website.”

I have not been able to find this on the website...
Please where to find ??

Steve
VK6IR

From: Richard Neilsen
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 3:03 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com ; vkcc@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

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0427019046

916. RE: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-21 07:25:31 UTC
From: <lyn@...>
Topic: 906 Message: 916

oh yes pse, info to this cave girl too - I am still paper logging - sorry!
what is best to send in?? I have software somewhere I can type iinto.

lyn

Vk4SWE

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Steve Chamberlain
Sent: Friday, 21 June 2013 5:15 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
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Please where to find ??

Steve

VK6IR

From: Richard Neilsen <mailto:richardneilsen@...>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2013 3:03 PM

To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com ; vkcc@yahoogroups.com

Subject: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

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If anyone that submitted logs has a photo of your weekend and would like to have it submitted in AR magazine with the contest write up please email it to me and I will see if we can have it included.

Hope you all enjoyed the contest this year.

Cheers

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Richard Neilsen
President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
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0427019046

917. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-06-21 07:50:43 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 906 Message: 917

Hi Lyn,

You can input the log into the following
http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/vkshires_cab.php

This will convert it to a cabrillo file but is a bit of work if you have
a huge log.

Cheers

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On 21/06/2013 5:25 PM, lyn@... wrote:
>
> oh yes pse, info to this cave girl too -- I am still paper logging --
> sorry! what is best to send in?? I have software somewhere I can type
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918. REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST - 17 + 18 August

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-07-08 23:02:26 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 918 Message: 918

Hi All,

Mark your calendar...

August
17th and 18th will soon be with us for this years RD contest.
This
year the RD falls on the same weekend as the International Lighthouse weekend.
Unfortunately
the RD cannot be moved. Lighthouse stations are welcome and encouraged to
submit logs for the RD while having enjoyed both activities.
I
have already received an email stating that a VK5 club will be doing both
activities together and I praise them for doing so.
Remember
that the new start and finish times are 0300z or 1PM eastern states time which
will let you have half a day free on both days of the weekend.
Teams
were very successful last year, so please notify me of your team members prior
to the start of the contest at vk4sn at wia dot org dot au.

73.
de Alan VK4SN.

919. WIA VHF UHF WINTER field day...

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-07-22 08:31:25 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 919 Message: 919

Results are out for the WIA VHF UHF WINTER field day...

Check out http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/vhfuhf/

WINTER FIELD DAY RESULTS

Section Winners:
VK5ZD, VK2DAG, VK5ARG, VK5ARG, VK5AKM, VK2CU
Top Scores (VHF-UHF bands only):
VK5ZD, VK2DAG, VK5ARG, VK5ARG, VK3MY, VK2CU
Top Scoring F Call Stations:
VK3FEZZ, VK3FJEN

This will create new leaders in the WIA Contest championship

http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/contestchampion/

The Contests Champion list recognises those who have participated in multiple WIA contests and submitted log results.

The Contest Champion total score is the cumulation of the scores from seven popular WIA contests, these being the Ross Hull, John Moyle National Field Day, Harry Angel, Remembrance Day Contest, Oceania DX Contest Phone, Oceania DX Contest CW, and the VHF UHF Field Days.

The Contest Champion list is sorted by year with the amateur with the highest total score at the top of each years list.

73 es gud dx

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Trent Sampson VK4TS

36 Balyarta Crescent Mooloolaba 4557
Po Box 275 Mooloolaba 4557
Mobile 0408 497 550 vk4ts@...

920. Remembrance Day Information

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-07-27 11:44:24 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 920 Message: 920

Remembrance Day Contest Information

(If you're a member of a club, please forward this to your members and ham friends. Thank you)

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17 & 18 August 2013 - Just 3 weeks away.

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with loved ones - since they let you contest. :-)

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formats making it totally useless for me to process. If you can use
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a logger from the site and use that. So much easier for all concerned
and the format is generated as required.

SEND YOUR LOG IN
Receiving your log is most important and it adds points to your
state total.
If you have problems sending your log, please don't
hesitate to call or email
me so I can help you with it.

LOG CORRECTLY
Look at the logging examples for portable and interstate
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as shown
on the WIA RD website. Correct logging will
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For example, one
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I have also been informed that some ILLW stations will not be
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Best 73 TU es GL

Alan
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921. Remembrance Day Information

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-07-27 22:32:25 UTC
From: Mark Cederblad
Topic: 920 Message: 921

Hmmm, some of the ILLW chaps will choose not to give out numbers for the RD contest, eh?

I hope they won't be too upset when others go "up arse" and not give them numbers.

Many a sailor may well have foundered without lighthouses but in all likelyhood, we may well have been speaking a language other than the Kings English were it not for the many servicemen and women of all three services, Merchant Marines and civilians who ensured we prevailed. Thus, the RD contest commemorates their service.

Just sayin'.

From: Alan Shannon <vk4sn@...>
To: "OceaniaDXTest@yahoogroups.com" <OceaniaDXTest@yahoogroups.com>; "vkcc@yahoogroups.com" <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>; "vkshires@yahoogroups.com" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, 27 July 2013 9:44 PM
Subject: [vkshires] Remembrance Day Information

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922. RD Logs and RD Logger problem with missing logs.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-09-08 01:24:48 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 922 Message: 922

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923. RE: [vkshires] Digest Number 284

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-09-09 12:55:14 UTC
From: Rod Rowe
Topic: 923 Message: 923

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We are making changes based on your feedback, Thank you !
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The Yahoo! Groups Product Blog
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925. Remembrance Day PHOTOS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-09-15 00:21:34 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 925 Message: 925

Hi All,

Has anyone got photo's from the RD that I may use for my article in AR mag?

Especially looking for some pics from the lighthouse stations who participated in the RD. Remember to put a short narrative with the pictures so I know who's who etc.

If you have any, please attach as files and send to rdlogs at wia dot org dot au.

Many thanks

Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest Manager

926. Re: [vkshires] Remembrance Day PHOTOS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-09-17 08:59:46 UTC
From: Paul SIMMONDS
Topic: 925 Message: 926

Hi Alan,

I have quite a few. Just getting the OK from a few of the boys if it alright to use their photos.

Will let you know ASAP.

Best 73,

Paul.

On 15/09/2013, at 9:51 AM, Alan Shannon <vk4sn@...> wrote:

>
> Hi All,
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> Has anyone got photo's from the RD that I may use for my article in AR mag?
>
> Especially looking for some pics from the lighthouse stations who participated in the RD.
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>
> Many thanks
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> Alan
> VK4SN
> RD Contest Manager
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927. Re: [vkshires] Remembrance Day PHOTOS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-09-17 09:16:42 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 925 Message: 927

Thanks Paul. The results are done and just waiting for some pics to jazz it up a bit before sending to AR editor.

73
Alan

Sent from Yahoo!7 Mail on Android

928. RE: Re: [vkshires] Remembrance Day PHOTOS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-09-17 09:20:56 UTC
From: <simmopa@...>
Topic: 925 Message: 928

OK Alan,

Two of the fellas have replied. So I will send them to your e-mail address shown on QRZ.com ???

Cheers,

Paul,
VK5PAS.

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, <vkshires@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

Thanks Paul. The results are done and just waiting for some pics to jazz it up a bit before sending to AR editor.

73
Alan

Sent from Yahoo!7 Mail on Android

From: Paul SIMMONDS <simmopa@...>;
To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>;
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Remembrance Day PHOTOS
Sent: Tue, Sep 17, 2013 8:59:46 AM

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Best 73,

Paul.

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Many thanks

Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest Manager

929. RE: Re: [vkshires] Remembrance Day PHOTOS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-09-17 12:14:15 UTC
From: <simmopa@...>
Topic: 925 Message: 929

Hi Alan,

I've e-mailed you half a dozen photos or so of our activation at the Cape Willoughby lighthouse on Kangaroo Island. We used the call VK5CWL for the ILLW and used VK5BAR for the RD Contest.

Cheers,

Paul,
VK5PAS.

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, <vkshires@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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Alan
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930. Re: RE: Re: [vkshires] Remembrance Day PHOTOS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-09-17 12:36:45 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 925 Message: 930

Thanks for your support Paul. I'll put them to good use tomorrow.

Best 73
Alan

Sent from Yahoo!7 Mail on Android

931. 2013 VK Shires Contest Results.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-10-27 00:00:08 UTC
From: <richardneilsen@...>
Topic: 931 Message: 931

Sorry for the delay in getting these results out, moving house is a much bigger job than I imagined.

The full results list is available on the website at,
http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/2013-vk-shires-contest-results.html
http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/2013-vk-shires-contest-results.html

It was a great contest this year with 60 logs submitted, this is a fair increase over last years logs.

I hope that everyone that took part enjoyed the contest and we have as big if not better contest next year. I will be travelling around Australia so I am looking forward to activating a couple of shires on the day.

I will get the certificates out in the next couple of weeks.

Cheers
Richard VK2BO

932. RD Results now available

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-10-28 12:23:28 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 932 Message: 932

Hi All,

Now that AR mag is out I have released the full results for the RD and are available from the website. http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/rdcontest/index.php
It includes heaps of stats, adjustments to scores and why, etc etc, and also this year we have lots of photo's kindly sent for inclusion that did not appeared in the AR mag.

Certificates should have been received by now as they were sent to the WIA for printing over a month ago. If you have not received your certificate please let me know.
State winners can download the PDF document and print their own. Remember to read how to print a single certificate on the 1st page otherwise you will run out of ink :-)

Apologies to VK6 as it was missing the heading CONGRATULATIONS VK6, and they had to read the article to find out who won.

Once again, thanks to all who participated and those who sent logs and photos.

See you same time next year.

Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest Manager

933. RD Certificates

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-11-12 01:15:44 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 933 Message: 933

HI All,

At last I've had a reply from the WIA and I have been informed that the certificates are being printed today.

You should have them soon.

Best 73's

Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest Manager.

934. Intro & question

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-11-19 05:55:30 UTC
From: Nicholas Lock
Topic: 934 Message: 934

Hi folks,
I'm new to this group and by way of a quick intro, I'm based in Macleod in NE Melbourne. I was first licenced in 1976 as VK4NCY, and have been on-again,off-again in my activity over the years. I was most active during the early 90's while living in PNG, and the bug has bitten again, now, thanks to SOTA. XYL Rita & I are combining weekend bushwalking & portable QRP operating to be 'our thing'. (Especially SOTA & National Parks)

I've done a quick tally and find that I already have about 70 shires in my log, so will put together an initial award claim shortly.

The group moderator kindly forwarded the Rules doc when I joined the group. It references www.vkshires.info - a site which no longer seems to exist, and an address in Childers.

It looks like vkshires.vk2bo.com might be the current website address, and it has an address in Springwood NSW.

Perhaps someone could confirm for me, which is the current correct address.

Thanks in advance
73 de VK3ANL
Nick

935. New file uploaded to vkshires

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-11-19 06:45:48 UTC
From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 4 Message: 935

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the vkshires
group.

File : /WAVKS 2013.doc
Uploaded by : vk4ts <vk4ts@...>
Description : AWARD RULES

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vkshires/files/WAVKS%202013.doc

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/web/index.html
Regards,

vk4ts <vk4ts@...>

936. Re: [vkshires] Intro & question

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-11-19 08:32:23 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 934 Message: 936

Hi Nick,

The vkshires.vk2bo.com is the correct site.

Cheers
Richard
VK2BO

Sent from my iPhone

> On 19 Nov 2013, at 4:55 pm, Nicholas Lock <vk3anl@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> Hi folks,
> I'm new to this group and by way of a quick intro, I'm based in Macleod in NE Melbourne. I was first licenced in 1976 as VK4NCY, and have been on-again,off-again in my activity over the years. I was most active during the early 90's while living in PNG, and the bug has bitten again, now, thanks to SOTA. XYL Rita & I are combining weekend bushwalking & portable QRP operating to be 'our thing'. (Especially SOTA & National Parks)
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> Thanks in advance
> 73 de VK3ANL
> Nick
>
>

937. Re: Intro & question

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-11-19 10:18:44 UTC
From: vkshires-owner@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 934 Message: 937

Incorrect file has been deleted - new file forwarded to all members...

Just never picked that one up Apologies...

--- In vkshires@yahoogroups.com, Nicholas Lock <vk3anl@...> wrote:
>
> Hi folks,
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> Thanks in advance
> 73 de VK3ANL
> Nick
>

938. Re: [vkshires] Intro & question

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-11-19 11:56:59 UTC
From: Nick+Rita
Topic: 934 Message: 938

Thanks Richard.
I appreciate the confirmation. I noticed the almost immediate update to the Rules, when I asked the question.
Cheers
Nick

On Tue, Nov 19, 2013 at 7:32 PM, Richard Neilsen <richardneilsen@...> wrote:

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> Hi Nick,
>
> The vkshires.vk2bo.com is the correct site.
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> Cheers
> Richard
> VK2BO
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> Thanks in advance
> 73 de VK3ANL
> Nick
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939. VK Contest Club 2014 Get Together

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2013-12-20 00:04:06 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 939 Message: 939

The VK Contest Club annual get together will be held on 28th December at Kedron Wavell Services Club at 12 Midday.

If you would like to attend (partners and children welcome) please RVSP to VK4TS by Monday 23rd

Merry Christmas

Trent
Trent Sampson
36 Balyarta Crescent Mooloolaba 4557
Po Box 275 Mooloolaba 4557
Mobile 0408 497 550 vk4ts@...
Amateur Radio Station : VK4TS

940. FW:

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-01-12 08:58:58 UTC
From: L M
Topic: 940 Message: 940
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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941. Missing VK5 shire?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-02-23 06:40:25 UTC
From: <vk3anl@...>
Topic: 941 Message: 941

As a relative newcomer to this group and the Award, I appreciate that these might have been previously resolved or answered, so would appreciate being guided, if this is turning over old ground...

1/ Missing LGA?
I have some QSOs with VK5 stations within Tatiara District Council, which does not appear in the WAVKS list.

Tatiara District Council
http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=2970&c=4195
http://www.tatiara.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=100

As best I can tell, Tatiara is not new or re-named. Is there a particular reason for its absence from the list, or simple human error?

2/ Duplicate LGA?

Both Le Hunte District Council (LH5) and Wudinna District Council (WU5) are listed.
Le Hunt changed its name to Wudinna in 2008.
(http://www.wudinna.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?u=146)

I appreciate that LGA names, boundaries, amalgamations etc present a moving target over time, and that might be a major nuisance for those managing the Award. (Deleted shires etc.)

This one does not affect me, but I am curious - is this an intentional dual listing, or just one that slipped through the cracks?

73 de VK3ANL
Nick

942. New shires in VK4

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-02-23 06:55:33 UTC
From: <vk4dmc@...>
Topic: 942 Message: 942

To who ever compiles the shires listing for VK4 we have 2 new shires here in Far North Queensland following deamalgamation.
They are Mareeba Sire Council and Douglas Shire Council

73 Dale VK4DMC

943. Re: [vkshires] New shires in VK4

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-02-23 07:49:12 UTC
From: Trent VK4TS
Topic: 942 Message: 943

Good point Dale. There is also Noosa as part of the deamalgamation

Regards

Trent Sampson
0408497550
Sent from iPhone

> On 23 Feb 2014, at 4:55 pm, <vk4dmc@...> wrote:
>
> To who ever compiles the shires listing for VK4 we have 2 new shires here in Far North Queensland following deamalgamation.
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> They are Mareeba Sire Council and Douglas Shire Council
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> 73 Dale VK4DMC
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>

944. RE: Missing VK5 shire?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-02-24 07:10:18 UTC
From: <simmopa@...>
Topic: 941 Message: 944

Hi Nick,

If you believe Wikipedia, the Tatiara Council has been around since 1876. It is a big area, with the Council seat being located in Bordertown. In fact it is one of the largest local Govt areas in S.A.

Cheers,

Paul,
VK5PAS.

945. Re: [vkshires] RE: Missing VK5 shire?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-02-25 11:13:10 UTC
From: Nick+Rita
Topic: 941 Message: 945

Hi Paul,

Yes, I read that entry in Wikipedia. And I don't have any reason to doubt it, but I have learned to start out with healthy skepticism.

(Especially when I am pointing out a possible error or omission to someone -such as an award manager- who does something for the love of it, and can do without people climbing his tree.)

cheers de VK3ANL
Nick

On Mon, Feb 24, 2014 at 6:10 PM, <simmopa@...> wrote:

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> Hi Nick,
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> If you believe Wikipedia, the Tatiara Council has been around since 1876.
> It is a big area, with the Council seat being located in Bordertown. In
> fact it is one of the largest local Govt areas in S.A.
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> Cheers,
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> Paul,
> VK5PAS.
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946. Re: [vkshires] RE: Missing VK5 shire?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-02-25 11:16:44 UTC
From: <simmopa@...>
Topic: 941 Message: 946

I know all about that Nick. I have just gone on to the WIA Award Committee and the new electronic application has not gone down too well with those amateurs who do not run an electronic log. Don't even get me started. Cheers,
Paul,
VK5PAS.

947. RE: [vkshires] RE: Missing VK5 shire?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-02-25 12:43:37 UTC
From: VK4TS - Trent Sampson
Topic: 941 Message: 947

If they don’t run an electronic log and want to call themselves amateurs they should hang their heads in shame..

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of simmopa@...
Sent: Tuesday, 25 February 2014 9:17 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [vkshires] RE: Missing VK5 shire?

I know all about that Nick. I have just gone on to the WIA Award Committee and the new electronic application has not gone down too well with those amateurs who do not run an electronic log. Don't even get me started.

Cheers,

Paul,

VK5PAS.

948. Re: [vkshires] RE: Missing VK5 shire?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-02-25 22:45:57 UTC
From: meggala@...
Topic: 941 Message: 948

Hey paul they can have the paper log just no dxcc if not they can fill in a logging program with the contacts they want to claim. Then up load that much simpler and quicker than filling out the old spreadsheet. I'm having a few similar issues with people most have worked and confirmed well over dxcc but never applied I doubt they would rush now.
Cheers
steve vk3meg
Sent from my BlackBerry® from Optus

-----Original Message-----
From: "VK4TS - Trent Sampson" <vk4ts@yahoo.com>
Sender: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Date: Tue, 25 Feb 2014 22:43:37
To: <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Reply-To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [vkshires] RE: Missing VK5 shire?

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From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of simmopa@iprimus.com.au
Sent: Tuesday, 25 February 2014 9:17 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [vkshires] RE: Missing VK5 shire?

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Paul,

VK5PAS.

949. Paper logs

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-02-26 01:41:19 UTC
From: Luke Steele
Topic: 949 Message: 949

Well, it's easy. If they can't or won't enter their data from their paper log into electronic format, have a friend offer to do so, or hire a secretarial service to transcribe the data, they are not seriously interested in applying for the award.
It is unreasonable for the Awards Committee or Contest Manager to handle large paper logs.
Electronic logs are so much easier to manage than paper, I cannot understand why anyone still uses paper alone.
73,
Luke VK3HJ

950. RE: Paper logs

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-03-03 04:50:58 UTC
From: <simmopa@...>
Topic: 949 Message: 950

Hi Luke, Steve, Trent, & everyone else.

I would love to know how many of these detractors have every applied for an award in the past. Not many I would suggest.
They are quick to complain, but not real quick to put their hand up to volunteer as a card checker or go on a Contest or Awards committee.
I believe it is a case of them being scared of technology and not wanting to move forward with the times. Training is the answer to that, & we are about to address that with our local club, AHARS.

Best 73 to all,

Paul,
VK5PAS.

951. Shire activations - VK6 Easter 2014

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-04-09 23:43:12 UTC
From: <vk6hz@...>
Topic: 951 Message: 951

G'day all

Over Easter I will be out and about in the mid west of WA. I will be activating the following shires:
Mingenew Shire - MW6
Morawa Shire - MR6
Perenjori Shire - PJ6
Three Springs Shire - TS6

There is also the chance that I will activate the following:
Moora Shire - MO6
Dalwallinu Shire - DU6
Coorow Shire - CW6
Carnamah Shire - CH6

I will be on 7075 KHz around 0700z Friday, Saturday and Sunday and from 2330z Sunday.

I will probably spend most of the weekend on 7075 when Im in the car....

Hope to be able to give a few shire chasers with some very rare WA shires!

Thanks,
John
de VK6HZ

952. VK Shires contest information.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-04-11 12:06:23 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 952 Message: 952

I have made some changes to the VK Shires contest site.
http://vkshires.vk2bo.com

I have also changed the email address for submitting logs, please ensure that your logs are submitted in "CABRILLO" format

I have also set up an auto responder that will reply to you once you send the log, this will save all confusion about logs being received and not being received.

For the past 2 years I have tried to change the details in the WIA website, at this stage I have still not been able to make changes. Please disregard the information on the WIA website until further notice, or you see that it has been updated.

Lets have a great contest, I hope to make a few contacts from some place in our great country.

Cheers

--
Richard Neilsen
President Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club.
VK2BO
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953. JIDX CW CONTEST THIS WEEKEND

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-04-11 12:12:02 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 953 Message: 953

CW 2014-04-12 0700 - 2013-04-13 1300 UTC

http://www.jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html

FYI
Alan
VK4SN

954. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires contest information.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-04-11 17:58:45 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 952 Message: 954

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Trent Sampson
36 Balyarta Crescent Mooloolaba 4557
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From: Richard Neilsen <richardneilsen@...>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com; vkcc@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, 11 April 2014 10:06 PM
Subject: [vkshires] VK Shires contest information.

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-04-11 22:09:40 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 952 Message: 955

Yes Mate,

I have emailed Robert Broomhead on several occasions and have got
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956. VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-05-28 00:28:58 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 906 Message: 956

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957. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-05-28 02:48:05 UTC
From: ARASU MANOHAR
Topic: 906 Message: 957

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vy 73, Namaste
de Arasu VU2UR
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958. RE: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

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Date: 2014-05-28 06:44:59 UTC
From: <lyn@...>
Topic: 906 Message: 958

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Date: 2014-05-28 08:30:00 UTC
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Topic: 906 Message: 959

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Date: 2014-05-29 02:34:29 UTC
From: ARASU MANOHAR
Topic: 906 Message: 960

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Date: 2014-06-07 03:49:14 UTC
From: <lyn@...>
Topic: 906 Message: 961

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-06-09 01:56:35 UTC
From: ARASU MANOHAR
Topic: 906 Message: 962

Dear Lyn

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From: <lyn@...>
Topic: 906 Message: 963

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I did get your other email about no luck and asking for sked, sri I have not replied sooner, many emails hihi.

OK - you know the best times and freq, and also Col uses a program to check which band is best for propagation, I can get him to check. Your time is good for me around 0500 UTC, usually in the shack.

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-06-11 20:56:31 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent Sampson
Topic: 964 Message: 964

The latest round of updates to the WIA Contest champion put last years winner VK2PR Peter Richardson tied with 2012 Winner VK4SN Alan Shannon - Also on 200 points are VK1DA Andrew Davis and VK5KK David Minchin.

http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/contestchampion/

VK4OE Doug Friend is on 180 Points and then VK1WJ Waldis Jirgens and VK6IR Stephen Chamberlain.

This Month the VHF UHF Field DayDay and the Remembrance Day Contest in August will bring out more scoring opportunities for those chasing the title. Rounding out the year is the Oceania SSB abd CW Contests and another VHF Spring event.

At this stage it is anyone's contest to win.the odds are shortening on the outsider from VK6 but the surprise packet could yet come from the Eastern states.

Good Luck in the contest

965. Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-02 06:22:26 UTC
From: vk3anl@...
Topic: 965 Message: 965

A question to the Award Manager...

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Digital modes - in or out? My specific interest is digital modes JT65 & PSK31.

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966. RE: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-02 08:13:32 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent Sampson
Topic: 965 Message: 966

It’s a good point – the Contest included SSB CW and RTTY originally –

So it is a hangover – why not ask the awards guys to add ANY mode – it would be painful for the contest but I would have thought not too difficult for the award.

Trent VK4TS

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 July 2014 4:22 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

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967. RE: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-02 13:30:18 UTC
From: vk4dmc@...
Topic: 965 Message: 967

RTTY ?

From the VK Shires contest rules:

III.
A) Bands:. 80 Metres 3.500 - 3.700 MHz, 40 Metres 7.000 - 7.250 MHz, 20 Metres 14.000 - 14.300 MHz, 15 Metres 21.000 - 21.350 MHz, 10 Metres 28.000 - 28.600 MHz. Please note there is no 75m dx window permitted for VK stations which means the rest of the world can operate above 3.700 mhz. ie. split operation
B) Modes: SSB and CW only

Hi Trent J

de Dale VK4DMC

968. RE: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-02 23:22:36 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent Sampson
Topic: 965 Message: 968

Hi Dale.

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de Dale VK4DMC

969. Re: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-02 23:39:08 UTC
From: Nicholas Lock
Topic: 965 Message: 969

Those are the rules for the CONTEST.

The AWARD is slightly different.
http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/worked-all-vk-shires-award-rules.html

On Thu, Jul 3, 2014 at 9:22 AM, 'VK4TS Trent Sampson' vk4ts@...
[vkshires] <vkshires@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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970. Award question....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-10 12:45:10 UTC
From: peter.vk3pf@...
Topic: 970 Message: 970

Hello all,

I am new to this group and have not yet found the answer to my question, having searched through the Conversation archive here, and having looked at both the BMARC site and the VK Shires web page.

I suspect that Richard may be the one to best answer the question, but I have not spotted a direct email address that has elicited a direct answer to the question, so here goes:

The rules for the Worked all shires award states that electronic submissions are acceptable. However, nowhere have I found a route to submit a claim or log for the award?????? Clearly something is missing here, or have I missed something along my explorations?

Useful guidance would be appreciated.

Regards,

Peter VK3PF

971. Remembrance Day contest reminder

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-10 10:17:55 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 971 Message: 971

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3. MS
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As per last year, thanks to those clubs who are setting up for the RD while
participating in the lighthouse event at the same time.

73
Alan VK4SN
RD Contest Manager.

972. Re: Award question....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-11 04:34:36 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 970 Message: 972

G'day Peter,

Most people that apply for the award do so by sending the log that they submitted for the contest, or by compiling their logs into a excel spreadsheet and post them to the PO box.

The reason behind not being able to send the logs "electronically" is the there is a fee to cover the postage.

Hope this has answered you question

Sorry about the delay in replying as we are out travelling around Australia and don't always have service to reply.

Sent from my iPhone

973. Re: [vkshires] Re: Award question....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-11 04:38:19 UTC
From: Peter Freeman
Topic: 970 Message: 973

Hi Richard,

Thanks for the response.

All noted - I will sort it out after this weekend - I am running
GippsTech, so will be busy all weekend.

For the future, it might be worth considering an electronic submission
mechanism, with the ability to Direct Deposit into a Club bank account
with appropriate descriptor for the transaction, such as "VK3PF All Shires".

Just a thought for the club to consider.

Regards,

Peter VK3PF

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974. RE: [vkshires] Remembrance Day contest reminder

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-11 06:42:52 UTC
From: Alan Grant
Topic: 971 Message: 974
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Alan, I was told yesterday by my oncologist that I have only got 2 to 3 months to live liver Cancer has got me; I of course now have the task of selling off my gear.

I would hope to keep it in the greater area, I hope you could mention it to your club members, I will enclose a list of the gear if I can find it or send it separate if not

There will be a tower and 8 element log for someone who wants to organise to dismantle and remove it.

Thanks mate

Vk4ko

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 8:18 PM
To: vkcc@yahoogroups.com; vkshires@yahoogroups.com; OceaniaDXTest@yahoogroups.com
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975. RE: [vkshires] Remembrance Day contest reminder

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-11 08:48:00 UTC
From: <lyn@...>
Topic: 971 Message: 975

Gosh Alan, I am really sorry to hear that news. I can't give your tower or log a home but if you have any morse keys I'd be interested and pay you a fair price.

73/88

lyn

VK4SWE

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com]
Sent: Friday, 11 July 2014 4:43 PM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: RE: [vkshires] Remembrance Day contest reminder

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976. Re: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-14 02:49:21 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 965 Message: 976

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I personally think it is a fair call with plenty of people using digital modes.

Cheers

Richard Neilsen
VK2BO
0427019046

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977. Re: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-14 03:07:03 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 965 Message: 977

Interesting consept Richard, as I added RTTY to the Remembrance Day contest as it was used in the war years.
(definatley no JT65 etc as it wasn't around then)

NO ONE has used RTTY in the contest at all. I 'assume' you to have no claimed RTTY contacts in the Shires contest
either. As a general comment (not aimed at you Nick), I don't understand why people ask for digital and then don't show up to support it.

Maybe some did call as I did but missed others doing the same thing at different times or bands. Do we need to say, meet you on

RTTY at ten to the hour for example.

My 2c worth.
Al
VK4SN

From: "Richard Neilsen richardneilsen@... [vkshires]" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
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978. Re: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-14 03:07:24 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 965 Message: 978

maybe what you could do Richard is allow all modes - with the exception of unattended operation.

And then allow for endorsement for different modes - eg 1st to 50 Shires with PSK or FM etc..

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979. Re: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-15 11:05:10 UTC
From: Nicholas Lock
Topic: 965 Message: 979

Richard,

From my perspective, a change seems appropriate, but it is not a show stopper for me if there isn't. It's only a hobby, and I'll still thank you and others behind the scenes for organising & running the award, and I will still enjoy chasing the wallpaper! I was really asking for confirmation as to how tight the rules were meant to be interpreted. (eg 'SSB' would be SSB-Phone, and RTTY didn't run to other digital modes.)

The current mode & band limitations seem a little restrictive, and as a beneficiary of change, I'd propose that 'SSB, CW, RTTY' be revised to 'Phone, CW, Digital', and the restriction on bands be lifted. (Opened up to, say, 160m - 70cm, & no terrestrial repeaters.)

(Personally, allowing VHF & FM would boost my shire tally more than digital modes, although I'm working on that.)

(Noting that the suggested change doesn't have to apply to the *contest* rules. As long as a contact in the contest would be valid for the award, the award can be wider.)

cheers
Nick VK3ANL

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980. Re: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-07-16 10:03:57 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 965 Message: 980

Sounds like a good idea Trent.

Cheers

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981. Remembrance Day Contest this weekend coming...

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-08-10 10:32:22 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 981 Message: 981

REMEMBRANCE DAY CONTEST coming up this weekend 16/17 August.
0300z Sat to 0300z Sun (1pm to 1pm EAT)

4. Categories
1. Single Operator
2. Single Operator - QRP *
3. Multi-Operator – Single Transmitter (Multi-One)
4. Multi-Operator – Unlimited (Multi-Multi)

5. 3 Sub-Category Modes for Single Operators
1. Phone (AM, FM & SSB)
2. CW (CW & RTTY)
3. Mixed

Multi-operator Stations
1. Multi-operator single transmitter stations
a. Are only allowed one transmitted signal on air at any time.
2. Multi-operator Unlimited stations
a. Are only allowed two transmitted signals on any band, one per Phone and one per CW as per rule 5.1 and 5.2.
b. Simultaneous transmissions on different bands are permitted.
3. Multi-operator stations are mixed mode only.

If you wish to create a team of 3 stations (Not MM), Please email me with the details.

Best 73's
Alan VK4SN

See the website for more info.
http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/rdcontest/

982. Remembrance Day contest TOMORROW 16th August

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-08-15 04:58:11 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 971 Message: 982

Yes contesters and casual operators, tomorrow the 16th of August is the start of the RD Weekend.

If you do the full 24 hours, or only pop up for a few contacts, it will be great to work you.
Good luck to all.

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983. RD LOGS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-08-17 14:21:17 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 983 Message: 983

Hi All,

Remember to send in your RD Log ASAP, no matter how small.

83 received so far since end of ops at 1pm today.

I have been told that some logs are being rejected via the WIA address as spam, so please send to
vk4sn @ netspace dot net dot au,

and I will acknowledge within 48 hours. Please dont send over and over if you dont get an immediate response.

Best 73 and tks for a great weekend.

Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest Manager.

984. RD LOGS

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-08-29 05:19:40 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 983 Message: 984

Hi All,

It's now neck and neck with 3 states fighting for 1st place in the Remembrance Day contest..

A single log does change the leader.

So this is a final reminder to forward your log to vk4sn at wia dot org dot au.

You can help my quality control by keeping an eye on the WIA website to make sure I have put you in the correct section.

Good luck and best 73
Alan
VK4SN
RD Contest manager.

985. Trans Tasman 2014

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-15 22:15:53 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 985 Message: 985

Trans Tasman 2014 results have been forwarded to all competitors -

Website posts will be done in a couple of days as contestants have been asked to check spelling of names etc.

Please advise if you (as a contestor) didn't receive all emails . There should be three - the Survey, the Spreadsheet, and the Certificate Sample

Regards

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986. Trans Tasman Contest Survey

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-16 22:55:26 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 986 Message: 986

What would encourage you to enter the Trans Tasman Contest ? We are running a Survey and would like opinions from people who did not participate this year.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BQRGHKC

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987. AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-25 07:52:45 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 987 Message: 987

AR Mag refused to publish the RD managers reply on the ILLW/RD weekend.

Earlier this month I submitted a short reply to the ILLW/RD so called conflict

and was rejected because someone didn't like my view. I thought OTY was for personal views..

A simple statement like "the RD and ILLW would both have lower participation due to

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Hugh? Common sense one would think. Seems there is bias somewhere else.

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-25 08:10:15 UTC
From: peter.vk3pf@...
Topic: 987 Message: 988

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Editor AR

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-25 11:33:36 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 987 Message: 989

Peter, Sorry if I have upset you but was merely stating the facts.

We need view points from both parties and that was not allowed without hinderance to the Remembrance Day supporters.

It's not all about ILLW or RD, It's about what is right and what can work best for all concerned and that can only happen with open un-editedresponses from both parties. We need to work well together, and an issue of AR stomping all over some RD participants is not helping the matter.

In response to your email below:

1. The subject heading of this message is true and correct - MY VIEWPOINT (caps for emphasis - not shouting) was not going to be published. Only an amended version.

2. Peter I did tell you not to publish the amended version, but that info was not necessary in my post as it serves no useful purpose to my post.

What's the point to OTY if it is filled with editors comments opposing ones viewpoint?
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Alan
VK4SN

From: "peter.vk3pf@... [vkshires]" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, 25 September 2014, 18:10
Subject: [vkshires] Re: AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-25 14:56:01 UTC
From: peter.vk3pf@...
Topic: 987 Message: 990

Alan,

Yes, you have upset me, as you have distorted the facts. In my view, you have promulgated a completely false account of our correspondence! My apologies to the rest of the members of this group, but this is the forum that you made the decision is cast my character into disrepute, so therefore I am responding via this forum. Members of the group can decide the facts for themselves.

Up until this evening, I believe that I have interacted with you in a courteous manner - I have had no gripe with you.

As Editor, it is my right to add an Editor's comment to any item published in the magazine. I respected your views and showed that respect by sending you my proposed comments prior to publication for your comments and/or amendments.

I have nothing at all against contests or those who choose to participate in contests - I even participate myself at times! The comments that I proposed to add to your OTY item were made as I had observed, on more than one occasion, behaviour by SOME contesters (Note: only some) that I believed resonated with the comments made by the original OTY author. It seemed to me that the viewpoints being made by you in your proposed OTY item were made from a perspective that did not recognise that some contesters do get overheated "during battle", therefore I proposed to add some Editor's comment that reflected that I saw your comments as coming from a somewhat biased perspective. As such, I chose to comment on the behaviour of the hopefully small number of over-eager contest participants in my Editorial in October - I suggest that anyone interested go and read it again carefully!

YOU choose to ask me to withdraw your contribution. You did not state that the do not publish request related only to the version that I proposed, with my added comments. I never refused to publish your contribution - you instructed me to withdraw the contribution.

I have at hand a complete email trail on this issue and am happy to forward to any person interested enough to see our complete exchanges, which I believe (from my perspective) were courteous and respectful. The key exchange was the one below:

Email received from Alan VK4SN date/time 3/09/2014: 07.56:

Peter,

Please withdraw my submission in its entirety.
IE Do not publish at all.

Cheers
Alan
VK4SN

This was received after an email from you (2/9/2014, 2147) indicating that you would modify your OTY in the light of my comments.

The email above was followed later in the morning with a follow up email requesting confirmation of receipt:

Email received from Alan 03/09/2014: 11.23:

HI Peter,

Please confirm you have received my notification to withdraw and not publish my reply.

Many thanks
Alan
VK4SN

My response was sent to you on 3/09/2014: 11.27:
Hi Alan,

Yes, received OK. I will remove the material.

Regards,

Peter VK3PF

I therefore leave it up to the members of this group to decide if your comments of earlier this evening were truthful! In my view, there were NOT!

You have made comments on this public forum which questions, nay casts dirt upon, my integrity. I insist that you publish an unreserved apology and acknowledge that you have attempted to distort the facts.

Peter VK3PF

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-25 21:55:57 UTC
From: John VK5PO
Topic: 987 Message: 991

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-25 22:19:39 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 987 Message: 992

Hi John,

Richard is travelling around Australia and asked me a couple of weeks back to run them up for him.

I have completed the Trans-Tasman results and now hockey season is over (last weekend) will probably get time to finish them next week.

Regards

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COPY OF EDITORIAL IN OCTOBER AR

Conflict within our hobby?

Following on from the OTY item
about conflict between ILLW
stations and contesters included
in the September issue, this month
we publish a follow up from Kevin
VK2CE, the local ILLW coordinator.
Our hobby can be viewed as a
very broad ‘church’: there are many
niches that attract some of us to
a particular niche. For example, I
have always had an interest in VHF,
UHF and microwave weak signal
activities. Over the past two years
or so, I have been heavily involved
in SOTA, chasing other SOTA
Activators, plus combining trips
with both SOTA and National Parks
activations.
I believe that the “problem”
alluded to in the original OTY item
was that some contest operators
were calling ILLW stations and
attempting to force the ILLW station
to give a contest exchange. In my
humble opinion, such actions are
totally against the spirit of our hobby!
Certainly, a contest station can
request a contest number, but should
respect the right of the non-participant
to refuse. After all, the non-contest
station was NOT calling “CQ Contest”,
they would have been calling “CQ
Lighthouse” or something similar
(or in my case, perhaps “CQ SOTA”
or “CQ Parks”). There is nothing in
our amateur code that requires us to
give a contest number to a contest
station. In fact, it is my humble opinion
that the contest station is being very
forward in calling another station

not calling “CQ contest” and then requesting a contest exchange.
I am not trying here to paint all contest operators as behaving in this manner. It is probably only a very small proportion of contesters that behave this way.
Yes, we can all get “caught up in the moment”. But being impolite is just that – impolite, probably rude, perhaps even totally inconsiderate!
Okay, some may simply respond with a “59001” to get rid of the contester, but this does not solve the issue for the rest of us. The contester will still try to force himself/herself (mind you, I have not yet heard such behaviour from a YL operator) on others looking for a new log entry to add to their contest score.
Such operators are not, in my view, operating within the true ethics of our hobby, as described by “The Amateur Code”. Rather, they are totally self-obsessed and selfish, thinking only of their own personal gain, in the form of a higher contest score.
Expressing a logical extension to my thoughts above, perhaps this is a case for the WIA to consider establishing a complaint mechanism whereby the non-contest operator can lodge a complaint with the relevant contest manager, which would result in the offending operator’s log being penalised in the contest, perhaps even exclusion for a repeat offender? Drastic action perhaps, but for some, drastic action is perhaps needed to modify the inconsiderate behaviour of the contest operator.
As individual operators, perhaps our only other option is to return to calling “CQ Lighthouse” and refuse to answer the pushy contester, or to hit the “off” button and go for a coffee break?

WE ARE TO TAKE THIS AS AN UNBIASED STANCE ?

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Date: 2014-09-25 22:50:53 UTC
From: peter.vk3pf@...
Topic: 987 Message: 994

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-25 23:56:07 UTC
From: Steve Chamberlain
Topic: 987 Message: 995

A typical RD contest QSO (when called by a lighthouse) goes like this..

VK6IR... CQ RD contest

VK2BLABLA... VK6IR, VK2BLABLA Calling..

VK6IR... VK2BLABLA you are 5936 over

VK2BLABLA... VK6IR thanks for report, you are 59, I am a lighthouse station, my Lighthouse is No..... , its in (TOWN), we have been here for 2 days Bla Bla Bla Bla ...

VK6IR... What is my contest number??

VK2BLABLA... OH sorry I'm not in the contest, I do not have a number for you!!!!

VK6IR... Then why did you answer my CQ RD Contest CQ ??

VK2BLABLA... Because I'm a lighthouse, it does not get activated very often, and you need to work it !!! (I'm important!)

VK6IR... Thank You, QRZ RD contest... (under my breath something else is uttered).

Now I'm sure that the QSO also happens from the other viewpoint, Lighthouses Get called by RD contest Stations demanding a number.

THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLE, RD CONTESTERS CANNOT EXPECT TO GET A NUMBER FROM A LIGHTHOUSE (When the RD station calls a LH). WHEN A LIGHTHOUSE CALLS A RD CONTEST STATION THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO GIVE A RD NUMBER TO THE STATION.

BOTH THE LH people & the RD people need to add something to this effect on there Websites, Contest Information and event details.

My initial reaction to all this was to tell the lighthouse people to move there event... THIS WAS A REACTION TO THE CIRCULATED EMAIL STATING THAT THE LH PEOPLE DID NOT THINK THAT TALKING TO THE RD PEOPLE WAS EVEN NEEDED ... The above email is a more level reaction (if the LH people are going to engage!).

The AR mag.... Unfortunately the editors remarks will be taken by many, to reflect the WIA standpoint and not his own personal opinion. This is just a fact of life anything printed in a magazine is TRUE and if the Editor says it it must be VERY TRUE. We all have opinions and we all differ, but those with influence need to know when to use there power and when to to.

Steve
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From: mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 26 September, 2014 6:50 AM
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Topic: 987 Message: 996

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> station a report. That's who we are. :-)
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997. Re: [vkshires] Re: [VKCC] AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-26 01:07:07 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 987 Message: 997

That sums it up perfectly Steve

I had about 10 of those QSOs in the RD and never called a single flipping light house.....

Seems we are tarred by a brush that could only be described as broad....

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From: "'Steve Chamberlain' vk6ir@... [vkcc]" <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com; vkcc@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, 26 September 2014, 9:56
Subject: Re: [vkshires] Re: [VKCC] AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

A typical RD contest QSO (when called by a lighthouse) goes like this..

VK6IR...
CQ RD contest

VK2BLABLA... VK6IR, VK2BLABLA Calling..

VK6IR...
VK2BLABLA you are 5936 over

VK2BLABLA... VK6IR thanks for report, you are 59, I am a lighthouse station, my Lighthouse is No..... , its in (TOWN), we have been here for 2 days Bla Bla Bla Bla ...

VK6IR... What is my contest number??

VK2BLABLA... OH sorry I'm not in the contest, I do not have a number for you!!!!

VK6IR... Then why did you answer my CQ RD Contest CQ ??

VK2BLABLA... Because I'm a lighthouse, it does not get activated very often, and you need to work it !!! (I'm important!)

VK6IR... Thank You,
QRZ RD contest... (under my breath something else is uttered).

Now I’m sure that the QSO also happens from the other viewpoint,
Lighthouses Get called by RD contest Stations demanding a
number.

THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLE, RD CONTESTERS CANNOT EXPECT TO GET A NUMBER
FROM A LIGHTHOUSE (When the RD station calls a LH). WHEN A LIGHTHOUSE CALLS A RD
CONTEST STATION THEY MUST BE PREPARED TO GIVE A RD NUMBER TO THE STATION.

BOTH THE LH people & the RD people need to add something to this effect
on there Websites, Contest Information and event details.

My initial reaction to all this was to tell the lighthouse people to move
there event... THIS WAS A REACTION TO THE CIRCULATED EMAIL STATING THAT
THE LH PEOPLE DID NOT THINK THAT TALKING TO THE RD PEOPLE WAS EVEN NEEDED
... The above email is a more level reaction (if the LH people
are going to engage!).

The AR mag.... Unfortunately the editors remarks will be taken by
many, to reflect the WIA standpoint and not his own personal opinion. This is
just a fact of life anything printed in a magazine is TRUE and if the Editor
says it it must be VERY TRUE. We all have opinions and we all differ, but
those with influence need to know when to use there power and when to to.

Steve
VK6IR

From: mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: 26 September, 2014 6:50 AM
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [vkshires] Re: [VKCC] AR mag refuses to publish RD managers
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The question here is not the
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Peter VK3PF

998. Re: [vkshires] Re: [VKCC] AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-26 07:21:18 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 987 Message: 998

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-26 07:23:31 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 987 Message: 999

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If it was designed to seek reaction then that is true - it has done just that.

Regardless - it is but another storm in the amateur radio tea cup that will go away until next year.

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From: "peter.vk3pf@... [vkshires]" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, 25 September 2014, 18:10
Subject: [vkshires] Re: AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

Alan,

I am most disappointed in the message that you sent to the group a few minutes ago. It clearly does not reflect our email exchanges - and I can reproduce them and distribute them here for all to see unless you retract your comments and/or apologize.

I stated that I was willing to publish your comments, with only a very few words removed: " and in the spirit of AR" and with some Editor's comments added that I viewed some comments as being made from a biased viewpoint.

You subsequently requested that I withdraw your OTY contribution and to NOT publish it.

Now you cast negative comments at me and the magazine team via this forum! Come on!

Peter VK3PF
Editor AR

1000. Re: [vkshires] Re: [VKCC] AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-26 07:31:19 UTC
From: peter.vk3pf@...
Topic: 987 Message: 1000

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As I said in the Editorial - this hobby of ours is a very broad church and we must all learn to live and tolerate each other and our varied viewpoints. Some may get their noses out of joint on occasions. C'est la vie.

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1001. Re: [vkshires] Re: AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-26 07:43:50 UTC
From: peter.vk3pf@...
Topic: 987 Message: 1001

Trent,

I have reread the piece in question, very carefully. My comments are not against the contest participants in general - they are directed only at the few who go harassing non-contest operators (including ILLW) for a contest exchange when the other operator was not calling CQ Contest, but something else such as CQ Lighthouse.

As the Editorial states, a contest participant might try their luck, but they should not hassle the other station for an exchange. Similarly, the ILLW station should not answer a CQ Contest call unless he intends to respond with a contest exchange. Give and take should be what it is all about. Everyone has a right to be on air and to choose to contest or not to contest.

Some people have blown this way out of proportion and yes the heat will die down until next year. Will anyone learn anything from all of this? Unfortunately, I suspect that many will not, as they have not read carefully, have responded not to the point that was trying to be made, or they believe that I have said something that I did not say. Again, c'est la vie!

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-26 07:39:59 UTC
From: <vk4adx@...>
Topic: 987 Message: 1002

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Mark.

From: peter.vk3pf@gmail.com [vkshires]
Sent: ☐Friday☐, ☐26☐ ☐September☐ ☐2014 ☐5☐:☐31☐ ☐PM
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1003. Re: [vkshires] Re: [VKCC] AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-26 09:01:10 UTC
From: peter.vk3pf@...
Topic: 987 Message: 1003

Hello Mark,

Very interesting comments! Given that I only made comments against the very few inconsiderate RD operators, in which group should I include you, based on your comments here? Di you even both to read the Editorial calmly and carefully?

What say the rest of the contest operators out there? Do you condone these comments from Mark?

Mark, in my view you would be operating against the LCD provisions if you behaved in such a manner, and totally against everything for which the hobby stands. It would be totally against the amateur code.

I have never made any comment against servicemen or servicewomen, past or present. I have no idea of the source of such vitriol as you extol. I have nothing against the RD Contest or the vast majority f those who care to participate in the contest. I only passed comment on the very small number who behave in an inconsiderate manner on air.

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-26 09:03:46 UTC
From: <vk4adx@...>
Topic: 987 Message: 1004

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1005. Re: [vkshires] Re: [VKCC] AR mag refuses to publish RD managers view on ILLW / RD weekend. -

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-26 09:28:30 UTC
From: peter.vk3pf@...
Topic: 987 Message: 1005

Hi Mark,

Having some extra background does change the complexion of your your comments considerably.

I agree that the comments from the inconsiderate lighthouse chap are just as offensive and unpalatable as the bahaviour of the small number of inconsiderate contest operator. The behaviour of both should be admonished by all of us.

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-27 00:16:51 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 1007 Message: 1007

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1008. Re: [VKCC] RD CONTEST A NEW WAY FORWARD ?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-27 01:27:32 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 1008 Message: 1008

Hi Denis ,

Big Gun ? Australian ? Really ? I don't honestly believe there are any that truly fit that category inside VK.

Sad to hear that you experienced grief

Cheers

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To: "vkcc@yahoogroups.com" <vkcc@yahoogroups.com>; VK SHIRES <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Saturday, 27 September 2014, 11:14
Subject: RE: [VKCC] RD CONTEST A NEW WAY FORWARD ?

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Topic: 1008 Message: 1009

In response to your points Denis,

1 - Big Gun and good operator can be mutually exclusive

2 If the multi op had the frequency then why cant they ask the Lighthouse to move - that is ignorance on the ILLW station

3 Fair call if they wanted a contact

4 Find that hard to believe but again loud and good op is not always the same

5 If they are overseas and want to join in why not let them - currently the rules exclude them

6 That's your opinion - I have mine - re-read the editions of AR with RD results over the past few years... Cover precedence is taken up by ILLW over our own contest

7 The ILLW claim priority as it is an international event ? To add Pacific rim countries to the RD wont add that much traffic (VP Day)

Just hanging it out there for opinions

Cheers

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I have SDR capability to record the entire contest and I am sure many others do as well ; we could penalise bad behaviour if proven but what would the ILLW do ? after all it is not a contest...

Maybe what the RD needs to do is like the Lighthouse become an international event -

For example even our ZL neighbours cannot compete so we add in international section and have ZL1 2 3 4 competing - More activity -

What if we added in USA ARRL sections each USA State vs State - VK2CE may have shown the RD the way forward -

MAKE THE RD INTERNATIONAL

If the ARRL/USA took up the ball and ran with it 4000 USA contesters would enhance the RD no end...

NZART JARL RAC ARRL WIA RSGB the list goes on....

Thoughts ?

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1010. Re: [VKCC] RD CONTEST A NEW WAY FORWARD ?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-27 02:22:23 UTC
From: peter.vk3pf@...
Topic: 1008 Message: 1010

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-09-27 21:02:11 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 1008 Message: 1011

Hi Peter

The RD was usually mentioned on the front cover - the results don't even rate that these days -

Is a contest result the sort of thing that should be posted on line rather than held back for the magazine?

Have the times moved on from the Contest results in a magazine?

To promote activity are we as active contesters better to forward articles about our killer RD (add contest name) antenna and location ? What worked and what didn't ?

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1012. ILLW and RD Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-03 10:19:19 UTC
From: Kevin Mulcahy
Topic: 1012 Message: 1012

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1013. Re: ILLW and RD Contest

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Date: 2014-10-03 11:55:43 UTC
From: vk4dmc@...
Topic: 1012 Message: 1013

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-03 12:12:53 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent
Topic: 1012 Message: 1014

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-03 12:22:39 UTC
From: <lyn@...>
Topic: 1012 Message: 1015

I have seen this 'argument' and got to the point where I 'delete' before reading - but just to say that if I am in a contest (rare) and stns come back to me chasing IOTA - I take their 'number' as 001. Many give me 001 once they get the idea that it is a contest. This thing about giving "the years you have been licensed" - well, I would have to go and look that up!

73

lyn

VK4SWE

From: vkshires@yahoogroups.com [mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com]
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1016. RE: [vkshires] Re: ILLW and RD Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-03 22:06:50 UTC
From: Kevin Mulcahy
Topic: 1012 Message: 1016

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-03 22:19:38 UTC
From: John VK5PO
Topic: 1012 Message: 1017

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Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-04 00:42:11 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent Sampson
Topic: 1018 Message: 1018

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1019. RE: [vkshires] Re: ILLW and RD Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-04 03:39:10 UTC
From: Kevin Mulcahy
Topic: 1012 Message: 1019

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1020. ILLW and RD Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-04 05:50:05 UTC
From: VK4TS Trent Sampson
Topic: 1012 Message: 1020

Good point Kevin,

Maybe the RD should lock in the 3rd weekend of the Month – the second is the WAE CW weekend and that would see the RD losing some ops to that –

The light house stations tend to be temporary setups with mobile type gear so it should be easier for the RD contesters to not worry about them.

If we locked in the 3rd weekend and made it an international contest – eg State vs State in VK and State vs State in the USA there would be heaps more activity – even the ZLs may be talked into competing.

There is always a solution – just sometimes you need to look harder.

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1021. RD Results now available.

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Date: 2014-10-11 00:21:12 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 1021 Message: 1021

After some negotiation with the WIA they were kind enough to allow me to release the RD Contest results.
They are as follows.

RESULTS of the Remembrance Day Contest 2014

N/E = No Entry

SO PHONE
1. VK2PR 983
2. VK5CB 894
3. VK2MT 694

SO CW
1. VK2GR 482
2. VK5LJ 458
3. VK2IR 361

SO MIXED
1. VK2BJ 1030
2. VK6IR 996
3. VK5ZD 772

SO QRP PHONE
1. VK5FDEC 294
2. VK5HCF 183
3. VK3VIN 99

SO QRP CW
1. VK3AGQ 104
2. VK1DA 32
3. N/E

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MULTI SINGLE
1. VK2GGC 1076
2. VK3ER 438
3. VK2TS 400

MULTI MULTI
1. VK4WIL 1153
2. VK5LZ 1143
3. VK6YS 865

TEAMS
1. Elizabeth ARC 1 (VK5ZD VK5ZT VK5NI) 1436
2. NSW Wombats (VK2GR VK2IR VK2AWD) 963
3. Elizabeth ARC 2 (VK5FDEC VK5HP VK5KX) 955

TOP ROOKIE
1. VK5FDEC 294

TOP 3 FOUNDATION
1. VK5FDEC 294 (QRP PH)
2. VK2FMAD 253 (SO PH)
3. VK2FLJD 96 (SO PH)

Keep an eye out fo the full results and statistics downloadable from the website. I will wait for the AR mag article before posting
as it also contains what will be in AR.

Thanks to participants and all concerned.

Alan
VK4SN
RD Manager.

1022. Remembrance Day results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-25 11:55:42 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 1022 Message: 1022

Hi All,

The RD full results and statistics as well as the State Winner Certificates are now available for download
from the WIA RD webpage.

Many thanks
Alan
VK4SN

1023. Re: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-26 02:46:07 UTC
From: David
Topic: 965 Message: 1023

Hi All,
I would add my vote to Trent post but add "No repeater"

David VK3JDA

At 21:03 16/07/2014, you wrote:
>
>
>Sounds like a good idea Trent.
>
>Cheers
>
>Richard Neilsen
>VK2BO
>04270190460n 14/07/2014 1:07 PM, VK4TS Trent
><mailto:vk4ts@...>vk4ts@... [vkshires] wrote:
>>Â
>>maybe what you could do Richard is allow all
>>modes - with the exception of unattended operation.Â
>>
>>And then allow for endorsement for different
>>modes - eg 1st to 50 Shires with PSK or FM etc..
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>>TrentÂ
>>Trent SampsonÂ
>>36 Balyarta Crescent Mooloolaba 4557Â
>>Po Box 275 Mooloolaba 4557Â
>>Mobile 0408 497 550 <mailto:vk4ts@...>vk4ts@...
>>Amateur Radio Station : VK4TS
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>>From: "Richard Neilsen
>><mailto:richardneilsen@...>richardneilsen@...
>>[vkshires]" <mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com><vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
>>To: <mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com>vkshires@yahoogroups.com
>>Sent: Monday, 14 July 2014 12:49 PM
>>Subject: Re: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award
>>
>>Â
>>I guess we could put it to the members and see
>>if they would like to include digital modes into the award,
>>
>>I personally think it is a fair call with

>>plenty of people using digital modes.
>>
>>Cheers
>>
>>Richard Neilsen
>>VK2BO
>>04270190460n 2/07/2014 4:22 PM,
>><mailto:vk3anl@...>vk3anl@... [vkshires] wrote:
>>>Â
>>>A question to the Award Manager...
>>>
>>>On the Award webpage, it states valid modes to
>>>be SSB, CW & RTTY. Â I'd just like to get
>>>confirmation that other modes are not eligible, please. Â
>>>
>>>Digital modes - in or out? Â My specific
>>>interest is digital modes JT65 & PSK31.
>>>
>>>Whilst arguably they are also generally SSB,
>>>as is RTTY for that matter, I don't want to argue - I just want to confirm!
>>>
>>>Also noting with curiosity that FM is not listed?
>>>
>>>Thanks in advance
>>>Nick VK3ANL
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David
VK3JDA
www.mdrc.org.au/~vk3jda
Club website.
www.mdrc.org.au
Sysop IRLP node #6300.
VK-ATV Users Group list.
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/vk-atv
RT-85 list.
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/rt85
Webmaster Omega Radio Club.
www.omegaradioclub.org

1024. VK Shires contest Results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-10-31 02:50:20 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 1024 Message: 1024

Sorry about the delay in getting the results out for this years contest. We have been traveling around Australia and had issues with the logging software. I will have the results out by the end of next week as I will be back in Sydney and have access to the computer that the software works fine on.

Again, sorry about the delay.

Cheers
Richard
VK2BO

Sent from my iPhone

1025. VK Shires Results.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2014-12-09 21:58:54 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 1025 Message: 1025

G'Day,

Sorry for the delay in the results, having finishing our trip around Australia and relocating to Cowra where we have no mobile service or internet available until September next year.

The results are now on the VK Shires website
http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/2014-vk-shires-contest-results.html
<http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/2014-vk-shires-contest-results.html>
I hope to have the WIA website updated soon as it takes a little more work to get it done.

Hope to hear you again next year.

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Richard Neilsen
VK2BO
0427019046

1026. Re: [vkshires] Re: Award question....

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-04-08 23:23:25 UTC
From: Peter Freeman
Topic: 970 Message: 1026

Hi Richard,

A follow up question. I know that you were travelling and moving, plus needing to do the Contest results.

I posted my Award application on around 9 August 2014: printed sheets from an Excel file, a cover letter and a $5 note in an A$ish sized business envelope, sent to the PO Box as per the Rules.

I have heard nothing since.

Any ideas as to what might have happened?

Regards,

Peter VK3PF

On 11/07/2014 14:34, Richard Neilsen richardneilsen@...
[vkshires] wrote:
>
> G'day Peter,
>
> Most people that apply for the award do so by sending the log that
> they submitted for the contest, or by compiling their logs into a
> excel spreadsheet and post them to the PO box.
>
> The reason behind not being able to send the logs "electronically" is
> the there is a fee to cover the postage.
>
> Hope this has answered you question
>
> Sorry about the delay in replying as we are out travelling around
> Australia and don't always have service to reply.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>

1027. 2014 winners certificates?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-04-09 07:13:14 UTC
From: John VK5PO
Topic: 970 Message: 1027

When will the certificates be sent out to the various winners of the
2014 VK-SHIRES contest please?

I guess we may see the demise of this excellent contest, if this is how
the organisers seem to be...

How hard is it to post out certificates? do you need me to pay for
the postage perhaps?

Lift your game guys, or shift aside and let someone do the job instead.

I think it reflects badly!

73, VK5PO

John F. McRae
LEWISTON South Australia

1028. Re: [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-04-14 12:53:37 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 970 Message: 1028

Well said John.
AlanVK4SN

From: "John VK5PO vk5po@... [vkshires]" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, 9 April 2015, 17:13
Subject: [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?

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the organisers seem to be...

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73, VK5PO

John F. McRae
LEWISTON South Australia

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1029. Re: [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-04-14 13:40:57 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 970 Message: 1029

I will endeavour to get the certificates out ASAP.

For the last six months I have been nursing my father who is fighting lung cancer so I have been a little pre occupied, sorry that something so unimportant to you means a little more to me.

As for standing aside and letting someone else do the job, who would that be? I took on the job 3 years ago when no one was interested, I do everything at my expense and don't ask for anything in return.

Have a great day

Richard Neilsen
VK2BO
0427019046

On 14/04/2015 10:53 PM, Alan Shannon vk4sn@... [vkshires] wrote:
> Well said John.
>
> Alan
> VK4SN
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> ---
> *From:* "John VK5PO vk5po@... [vkshires]"
> <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
> *To:* vkshires@yahoogroups.com
> *Sent:* Thursday, 9 April 2015, 17:13
> *Subject:* [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?
>
> When will the certificates be sent out to the various winners of the
> 2014 VK-SHIRES contest please?
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> the organisers seem to be...
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> How hard is it to post out certificates? do you need me to pay for
> the postage perhaps?
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> Lift your game guys, or shift aside and let someone do the job instead.
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> I think it reflects badly!
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> 73, VK5PO
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> John F. McRae
> LEWISTON South Australia
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1030. Re: [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-04-15 00:47:00 UTC
From: John VK5PO
Topic: 970 Message: 1030

Unimportant? Sorry to hear about your situation there... Please do
not use that scenario to make me feel guilty. I only know that
someone was shifting??? If I was in that situation myself, I CERTAINLY
WOULD ASK FOR HELP. (with the logs at least)

I read in a magazine (maybe the AR) sept/oct? last year that the
certificates are ready to post out, or something along those lines.

It is RATHER SLACK, regardless of ones situation.

73
John McRae

On 14/04/2015 11:10 PM, Richard Neilsen richardneilsen@...
[vkshires] wrote:
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> I will endeavour to get the certificates out ASAP.
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> For the last six months I have been nursing my father who is fighting
> lung cancer so I have been a little pre occupied, sorry that something
> so unimportant to you means a little more to me.
>
> As for standing aside and letting someone else do the job, who would
> that be? I took on the job 3 years ago when no one was interested, I
> do everything at my expense and don’t ask for anything in return.
>
> Have a great day
> Richard Neilsen
> VK2BO
> 0427019046
> On 14/04/2015 10:53 PM, Alan Shannon vk4sn@... [vkshires] wrote:
>> Well said John.
>>
>> Alan
>> VK4SN
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>> ---
>> *From:* "John VK5PO vk5po@... [vkshires]"
>> <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
>> *To:* vkshires@yahoogroups.com
>> *Sent:* Thursday, 9 April 2015, 17:13
>> *Subject:* [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?
>>
>> When will the certificates be sent out to the various winners of the

>> 2014 VK-SHIRES contest please?
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>> I guess we may see the demise of this excellent contest, if this is how
>> the organisers seem to be...
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>> the postage perhaps?
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>> Lift your game guys, or shift aside and let someone do the job instead.
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>> I think it reflects badly!
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>> 73, VK5PO
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>> John F. McRae
>> LEWISTON South Australia
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>> <mailto:vkshires-fullfeatured@yahoogroups.com>
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> No virus found in this message.
> Checked by AVG - www.avg.com <http://www.avg.com>
> Version: 2012.0.2250 / Virus Database: 4311/9033 - Release Date: 04/14/15
>

1031. Re: 2014 winners certificates?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-04-15 13:18:43 UTC
From: Chris Megaw
Topic: 970 Message: 1031

Well returned Richard.
Disgusting that these people exist in our hobby

VK4FR
Chris

1032. Re: [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-04-17 06:35:28 UTC
From: John VK5PO
Topic: 970 Message: 1032

It was never intended to be a slanging match..... Disappointed with
your comments Chris.

Looking forward to my certificate with anticipation.

Thank you
73

John F. McRae
LEWISTON South Austr

On 15/04/2015 10:17 AM, John VK5PO vk5po@... [vkshires] wrote:
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>
> Unimportant? Sorry to hear about your situation there... Please do
> not use that scenario to make me feel guilty. I only know that
> someone was shifting??? If I was in that situation myself, I
> CERTAINLY WOULD ASK FOR HELP. (with the logs at least)
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> certificates are ready to post out, or something along those lines.
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> John McRae
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>>
>> For the last six months I have been nursing my father who is fighting
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>> something so unimportant to you means a little more to me.
>>
>> As for standing aside and letting someone else do the job, who would
>> that be? I took on the job 3 years ago when no one was interested, I
>> do everything at my expense and don’t ask for anything in return.
>>
>> Have a great day
>> Richard Neilsen

>> VK2BO
>> 0427019046
>> On 14/04/2015 10:53 PM, Alan Shannon vk4sn@... [vkshires] wrote:
>>> Well said John.
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>>> Alan
>>> VK4SN
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>>> <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
>>> *To:* vkshires@yahoogroups.com
>>> *Sent:* Thursday, 9 April 2015, 17:13
>>> *Subject:* [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?
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>>> the postage perhaps?
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>> No virus found in this message.
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> Version: 2012.0.2250 / Virus Database: 4311/9033 - Release Date: 04/14/15
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1033. Re: [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-08 00:56:33 UTC
From: John VK5PO
Topic: 970 Message: 1033

John F. McRae
LEWISTON South Australia

RECEIVED WITH THANKS.....

2014 certificate.
73, John

1034. Re: [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-08 04:48:31 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 970 Message: 1034

Thanks John,

I hope it arrived in one piece?

Cheers

Richard Neilsen
VK2BO
0427019046

On 8/05/2015 10:56 AM, John VK5PO vk5po@... [vkshires] wrote:
>
>
> John F. McRae
> LEWISTON South Australia
>
> RECEIVED WITH THANKS.....
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> 2014 certificate.
> 73, John
>
>

1035. Re: [vkshires] 2014 winners certificates?

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-08 05:15:56 UTC
From: John VK5PO
Topic: 970 Message: 1035

> Excellent Richard, THANKS
>
> PS, pse let me know of you need ANY help with the contest, I will be
> glad to oblige.
>
>
> Thanks again

John F. McRae
LEWISTON South Australia

1036. WA WWFF SOTA and Shires Trip

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-18 00:40:31 UTC
From: vk6mb@...
Topic: 1036 Message: 1036

Hi to all and thanks for adding me Trent.
A lot of my AR activities has to do with SOTA, which migrated to activating/hunting National Parks VKFF/WWFF.

With that, VK6MMB and I (and our families) are going on a trip through and around WA in June- August, activating as many Nat Parks and Summits that we can.

I haven't had anything to do with the VK Shires program but when I saw it mentioned somewhere, I thought that we would be in an ideal situation to activate many VK6 shires, so we will fit some in hopefuly when mobile, but definitely when we are set up for the night we will be portable.

Reading some of the earlier posts, has the rules changed to include FM? It would be easier for Michael and I to gain the shire ourselves with 2m FM, than trying to do it on SSB etc.

Enough rambling, are there specific shires that have rarely been activated?

73 Mike VK6MB

1037. VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-18 06:19:04 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 906 Message: 1037

Just a reminder that the VK Shires contest is only 3 weeks away, lets hope that it is good conditions for the contest.

Starts at 0600 Saturday 6 till 0600 Sunday 7 June 2015.

More information can be found on the website, http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/worked-all-vk-shires-contest.html#

Cheers

--
Richard Neilsen
VK2BO

1038. Re: [VKCC] VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-18 07:26:13 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 1038 Message: 1038

Hi Diane,

The rules are on the website under the more tab, here is the link

http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/vk-shires-contest-rules.html

Cheers

Richard Neilsen
VK2BO
0427019046

On 18/05/2015 4:26 PM, Diane Main diane@... [vkcc] wrote:
>
> Hi Richard
>
> It would be good if the rules were on the website
>
> I presume they are the same as last year's which are on the out of
> date WIA page
>
> 73's
> Diane VK4DI
>
> On 18/05/2015 4:19 PM, Richard Neilsen richardneilsen@...
> [vkcc] wrote:
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>> Just a reminder that the VK Shires contest is only 3 weeks away, lets
>> hope that it is good conditions for the contest.
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>> Starts at 0600 Saturday 6 till 0600 Sunday 7 June 2015.
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>> Cheers
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>> --
>> Richard Neilsen
>> VK2BO
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>

1039. Re: [vkshires] Valid Modes for Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-18 09:21:35 UTC
From: vk6mb@...
Topic: 965 Message: 1039

Old subject, but did this get resolved?

Is 2m or 70cm FM allowable for the award?

73 Mike VK6MB

1040. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-19 02:25:10 UTC
From: ARASU MANOHAR
Topic: 906 Message: 1040

Will there be some VKs on 28, 21 and 14 CW and SSB modes ????
 vy 73, Namaste
de Arasu VU2UR
one of the Incredible,Mystic India
From: "Richard Neilsen richardneilsen@... [vkshires]" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
To: vkshires@yahoogroups.com; vkcc@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Monday, 18 May 2015 11:49 AM
Subject: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

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Cheers

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Richard Neilsen
VK2BO

1041. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-19 02:29:10 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 906 Message: 1041

VK4WIL will be all bands CW n SSB

Hope to work u in CW

Alan

VK4SN

Sent from Yahoo7 Mail on Android

From:"ARASU MANOHAR manohar_arasu@....in [vkshires]" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Date:Tue, 19 May, 2015 at 12:25
Subject:Re: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

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Richard Neilsen
VK2BO

1042. Re: [vkshires] VK Shires Contest.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-05-19 04:17:09 UTC
From: vk6mb@...
Topic: 906 Message: 1042

Hi Arasu,
I don't use CW YET, but I will be portable in a shire somewhere in the Southern part of VK6 and using some of the higher bands.

73 Mike VK6MB

1043. REMEMBRACE DAY CONTEST REMINDER

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-07-29 08:24:51 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 1043 Message: 1043

In 3 weekends time the Remembrance day contest will be upon us.
August 15th and 16th. 0300z Sat to 0300z Sunday. (1pm local EAST)
* The Club exchange is better defined due to some different interpretations.
* Remember to download the rules and refresh your memories.
* Got a team to nominate? Remember to email me with details.
* http://www.wia.org.au/…/rdcont…/documents/RDContestRules.pdf
Good luck. de VK4SN

1044. RD team submissions last chance to notify.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-08-14 22:36:59 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 1044 Message: 1044

HI All,
Any more team submissions for the RD today..? please send to vk4sn at wia dot org dot au.
0300z cut off.
ThanksAlanVK4SNRD contest manager

1045. Re: [vkshires] RD team submissions last chance to notify.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-08-14 22:46:12 UTC
From: meggala
Topic: 1044 Message: 1045

HI Alan does the team thing effect the status for contest champion?
if not i might rustle together a team

cheers
steve
vk3meg

On Sat, Aug 15, 2015 at 8:36 AM, Alan Shannon vk4sn@... [vkshires] <
vkshires@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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> HI All,
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> Any more team submissions for the RD today..? please send to vk4sn at wia
> dot org dot au. 0300z cut off.
>
> Thanks
> Alan
> VK4SN
> RD contest manager
>
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>

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hey check out my website
http://meggala.com

1046. Re: [vkshires] RD team submissions last chance to notify.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-08-14 23:00:07 UTC
From: Alan Shannon
Topic: 1044 Message: 1046

No Steve.. a team is good.

tks mate

Sent from Yahoo7 Mail on Android

From:"meggala meggala@... [vkshires]" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Date:Sat, 15 Aug, 2015 at 8:46
Subject:Re: [vkshires] RD team submissions last chance to notify.

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VK4SN

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1047. 2015 VK Shires Contest Results

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2015-10-06 01:31:13 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 1047 Message: 1047

The results for the 2015 VK Shires contest have been posted to the website. Well done to all those that took part this year. I have not had a chance to update the WIA website yet but will endeavour to have it done in the next couple of days. The results are at. http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/2015-vk-shires-contest-results.html

Cheers
Richard
VK2BO

Sent from my iPhone

1048. Shire activations this weekend

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-03-25 11:46:28 UTC
From: Nicholas Lock
Topic: 1048 Message: 1048

Good evening Shire chasers...

I will be activating the following Local Government Areas / Shires over the next few days, in conjunction with other portable award activities.
There are a couple of rare Shires here.

Most activity likely to be on 40m, with 20m also available.
Where possible, I will be spotting on parksnpeaks.org referencing the relevant Park name.

Schedule is fluid & flexible, "+/- everything"

Saturday
Horsham City [HR3] - activating [VKFF-0765] Mt Arapiles State Park / SOTA VK3/VW-022 /
West Wimera Shire [WW3] - activating [VKFF-0291] Little Desert NP
Hindmarsh Shire [HI3] - activating [VKFF-0291] Little Desert NP
Yarrambiack Shire [YS3] - activating [VKFF-0549] Wyperfield NP

Sunday
Mildura City [MI3] - activating [VKFF-0231] Hattah-Kulkyne NP and [VKFF-0373] Murray Sunset NP

Monday
Swan Hill Shire [SH3]
Buloke Shire [BU3] - [VKFF-0967] Green Lake RP

73 de VK3ANL
Nick

1049. VK Shires Contest Dates.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-04-15 21:53:15 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 1049 Message: 1049

Don't forget that the VK Shires contest is only a couple of months away.

All the info can be found on the
websitehttp://vkshires.vk2bo.com/worked-all-vk-shires-contest.html
<http://vkshires.vk2bo.com/worked-all-vk-shires-contest.html>

And also on the WIA website under the contest section.

Cheers

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Richard Neilsen
VK2BO
0427019046

1050. VK Shires Contest

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-06-09 06:18:10 UTC
From: Richard Neilsen
Topic: 1050 Message: 1050

Just a reminder that the VK Shires Contest is on this weekend, all the info can be found on the WIA website or athttp://vkshires.vk2bo.com/vk-shires-contest-rules.html
I have up dated the shire lists to the best of my ability and these files are also on the wia site and the above site.

Hope to catch some of you on the day.

Cheers

Richard Neilsen
VK2BO

1051. VK Shires Contest 2016

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-06-15 04:34:46 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1051 Message: 1051

Thanks to Richard, VK2BO, for once again facilitating the VK Shires contest. Activity from my base QTH in central Victoria was very good with contacts being made from all call areas except VK9 / VK0. A few DX contacts were made on 20m however the majority of my 161 contacts came from VK Stations. The final Shire count was 123. Great to work a good many portable and mobile stations also including all the Foundation calls who were out and about across the weekend.

Thanks to everyone who participated. Hope to see you again in 2017.

73 Tony VK3XV / VK3VTH

1052. NG3 activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-06-22 23:50:09 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1052 Message: 1052

Hi Folks,
VK3XV/P will be activating the Northern Grampians Shire NG3 on Saturday June 25. You will find me on 7.144 +/- and 14.310 +/- from about 0200 UTC. This will also be a VK3 National Park and VKFF Park activation.

73 Tony VK3XV

1053. Bass Coast Shire [BS3] activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-06-23 04:33:23 UTC
From: Nicholas Lock
Topic: 1053 Message: 1053

This coming weekend 25-26 June I expect to be on Philip Island, which is in the Bass Coast Shire [BS3]. I will have 40m QRP with me, and plan to activate it *briefly*, probably Sunday morning local time (around midnight utc).

It will be a short activation, and I will self-spot on parksnpeaks.org using the QRP category.

73 de VK3ANL
Nick

1054. Re: [vkshires] Bass Coast Shire [BS3] activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-06-23 08:22:11 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 1053 Message: 1054

Hi Nick

Phillip Island is also IOTA, OC-136.

If you had more time and 20m and 100W then there would be some DX interest.

Cheers
Peter VK3ZPF

On 23/06/2016 2:33 PM, Nicholas Lock vk3anl@... [vkshires] wrote:
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> is in the Bass Coast Shire [BS3]. I will have 40m QRP with me, and
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> (around midnight utc).
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> <http://parksnpeaks.org> using the QRP category.
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> 73 de VK3ANL
> Nick
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> No virus found in this message.
> Checked by AVG - www.avg.com <http://www.avg.com>
> Version: 2016.0.7640 / Virus Database: 4613/12474 - Release Date: 06/22/16
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1055. Re: [vkshires] Bass Coast Shire [BS3] activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-06-23 09:10:01 UTC
From: Nicholas Lock
Topic: 1053 Message: 1055

Thanks Peter - yes, I know.
Another time. This trip is about a car full of international in-laws going to see penguins. Whilst it's my car and I'll do what I please, I don't want to inflict too much on them, especially since we are also going to a few other destinations over the next few weeks. [Each of which can and hopefully will be correlated with a shire, park or summit!]
Cheers.
VK3ANL Nick

On Thu, Jun 23, 2016 at 6:22 PM, Peter Fraser pfraser@... [vkshires] <vkshires@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

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1056. Colac Otway Shire [CO3] today

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-06-30 20:05:44 UTC
From: Nicholas Lock
Topic: 1056 Message: 1056

I'm planning to briefly activate *Colac Otway Shire [CO3]* today probably sometime between 0200-0400z. Probably around 7.1-ssb and 14.3-ssb.
This will be an activation of Crowsnest Lookout [SOTA VK3/VS-049], and is subject to there being an opportunistic break in the weather as I drive past, QRP only.
Should be able to self-spot to parksnpeaks.org - look for the SOTA reference.

This will count toward both the Worked All VK Shires Award, and the VK3 Local Government Award.

73 de VK3ANL
Nick

1057. Shire of Wellington WS3 activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-07-08 00:33:12 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1057 Message: 1057

Hi Folks,
Weather permitting I will be activating Shire of Wellington WS3 across the weekend from two Parks. The Holey Plains State Park on Saturday afternoon and The Lakes National Park on Sunday afternoon. Keep a look out for WS3 via spots via http://www.parksnpeaks.org/index.php http://www.parksnpeaks.org/index.php

Again, weather permitting!

Best 73 Tony VK3XV

1058. pirtek catalogue

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-07-11 02:43:47 UTC
From: meggala
Topic: 1058 Message: 1058
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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hey check out my website
http://meggala.com

1059. Bega Valley Shire activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-07-22 02:30:06 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1059 Message: 1059

Hi All,
weather permitting, I will be activating the Bega Valley Shire BV2 on Sunday afternoon July 24 from about 0400UTC. Call sign will VK3VTH/2 You will find me on 7.144 or 14.310 give or take.

Cheers

Tony VK3VTH / VK3XV

1060. Missing Shire - Tatiara District Council

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-08-21 08:04:58 UTC
From: Nicholas Lock
Topic: 1060 Message: 1060

Hi folks,
Having missed the last Shires contest, I've only just caught up with the news that there is an updated Shires list and revised Award programme.
A note of thanks to those who are looking after the award.

FYI to the Shires Award Committee - and I'm assuming that someone involved monitors this newsgroup: *Tatiara District Shire* in South Australia is missing from the list.
I assume Tatiara (*TD5 ??*) was simply overlooked originally - also missing from the previous list - and never subsequently corrected. According to Wikipedia, the Council was formed in 1876.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tatiara_District_Council

Cheers.
73 de VK3ANL
Nick

1061. RE: [vkshires] Missing Shire - Tatiara District Council

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-08-21 08:51:22 UTC
From: Trent Sampson
Topic: 1060 Message: 1061

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: Nicholas Lock vk3anl@... [vkshires]<mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: ☐21/☐08/☐2016 18:32
To: VK Shires List<mailto:vkshires@yahoogroups.com>
Subject: [vkshires] Missing Shire - Tatiara District Council

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tatiara_District_Council

Cheers.
73 de VK3ANL
Nick

1062. RESULTS OF THE 2016 CONTEST

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-12-08 09:37:03 UTC
From: vk4ts@...
Topic: 1062 Message: 1062

2016 VK Shires Contest Results.
VK MULTI-TWO ALL ROVER
VK4FW VK SHIRES 94488 …… WINNER

MULTI-TWO ALL
VK2VVV VK SHIRES 13020 VK ….. WINNER

VK SINGLE-OP ALL
VK5PO VK SHIRES 45472 …… WINNER
VK3VH VK SHIRES 43130 ….. 2nd
VK3ZPF VK SHIRES 25066
VK3XV VK SHIRES 20124
VK2BFC VK SHIRES 6630
VK4DMC VK SHIRES 5538
VK6XL VK SHIRES 5226
VK2TTL VK SHIRES 4968
VK3PTE VK SHIRES 4485
VK3AVV VK SHIRES 3591
VK7QP VK SHIRES 1258
VK2DEK VK SHIRES 1225
VK2IO/P VK SHIRES 1156
VK2QV VK SHIRES 2346
VK2TUT VK SHIRES 2208
VK7GN VK SHIRES 2150
VK7JGD VK SHIRES 1936
VK2YW VK SHIRES 1849
VK2HV VK SHIRES 992
VK5DT VK SHIRES 650
VK6POP VK SHIRES 506
VK4FAAS VK SHIRES 400
VK3IL/P VK SHIRES 400
VK4FAAS VK SHIRES 400
VK2MT VK SHIRES 400
VK6PAW VK SHIRES 380
VK5DP VK SHIRES 196
VK5NIG VK SHIRES 121
VK2BO VK SHIRES 121
VK3GK VK SHIRES 100
VK4HNS VK SHIRES 81
VK7GM VK SHIRES 16
VK5EMI VK SHIRES 16
VK3FDAP VK SHIRES 1

ROVER
VK5PAS/P VK SHIRES 16704 …… WINNER
VK4GH/P VK SHIRES 8624 …. 2nd

VK3TST VK SHIRES 2352
VK6WE VK SHIRES 1548
VK3ANL VK SHIRES 304

SINGLE-OP HIGH MIXED
VK7ZGK VKSHIRES 1056

SINGLE-OP ALL FOUNDATION
VK2FAIB VK SHIRES 1024 ….. WINNER
VK6FLAB VK SHIRES 851 ….. 2nd
Please note certificates are being graciously made by Frank Scott https://www.facebook.com/fscott and he will have them up here as a file. Congratulations to all. Sorry for the delay. As most of you know we have been working on getting some special software to make all this happen fairly quickly.

de VK4FW

1063. 2017 VK3 LGA Challenge

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-12-15 01:18:20 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1063 Message: 1063

Hi All,

I am sure many "Shires" chasers and activators will be aware of the Amateur Radio Victoria Local Government Award. This VK3 Award has been offered since 2008, but of late, activity has been somewhat slow. With the recent increased interest in the VK Shires Award and the VK Shires contest, ARV have introduced an extension to the current LGA award during the 2017 period. This "extension" is called the VK3 LGA 2017 Challenge. The "Challenge" is designed to promote interest and participation in activating and working from and to the 79 VK3 Local Government Areas, and to encourage activity in the VK Shires Contest and the VK Shires Award.

I have uploaded the Rules for the " 2017 Challenge" in the files section of the Group and they are also available from the ARV website: https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

I expect to be out and about during the "2017 Challenge" and I look forward to the contacts!

Thanks to all!

73 Tony VK3XV

1064. Golden Plains Shire GP3

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-12-24 02:02:12 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1064 Message: 1064

Hi Folks,
I will be activating the Golden Plains Shire GP3 on January 1 2017 commencing at 0015 UTC on 40m and later on 20m 14.315 +/-

This activation will be valid for the Amateur Radio Victoria Local Government Award 2017 challenge and the VK Shires Award.

Details of the "2017 Challenge Award" can be found here:
https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

Please give me a call!

73 Tony VK3XV

1065. VK3 Local Government Award 2017 Challenge

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-12-29 05:31:08 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1065 Message: 1065

• Hi All,

I am sure many "Shires" chasers and activators will be aware of the Amateur Radio Victoria Local Government Award. This VK3 Award has been offered since 2008, but of late, activity has been somewhat slow. With the recent increased interest in the VK Shires Award and the VK Shires contest, ARV have introduced an extension to the current LGA award during the 2017 period. This "extension" is called the VK3 LGA 2017 Challenge. The "Challenge" is designed to promote interest and participation in activating and working from and to the 79 VK3 Local Government Areas, and to encourage activity in the VK Shires Contest and the VK Shires Award.

Rules (including valuable web links) are available from the ARV website: www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

73 Tony VK3XV

1066. Re: [vkshires] VK3 Local Government Award 2017 Challenge

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2016-12-30 11:04:26 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 1065 Message: 1066

Chasers and activators using the VK port-a-log app can send and receive Spots via ParksnPeaks for Shires QSOs in the same way as VKFF spots.

Notifications for Shires spots on ParksnPeaks can be set up to make an audible alert in VK port-a-log to assist chasers find activations.

http://vk3zpf.com/vk-port-a-log has all the info.

73
Peter VK3ZPF

On 29 Dec 2016 16:31, "tony@murraytregonning.com.au [vkshires]" <vkshires@yahoogroups.com> wrote:

• Hi All,

I am sure many "Shires" chasers and activators will be aware of the Amateur Radio Victoria Local Government Award. This VK3 Award has been offered since 2008, but of late, activity has been somewhat slow. With the recent increased interest in the VK Shires Award and the VK Shires contest, ARV have introduced an extension to the current LGA award during the 2017 period. This "extension" is called the VK3 LGA 2017 Challenge. The "Challenge" is designed to promote interest and participation in activating and working from and to the 79 VK3 Local Government Areas, and to encourage activity in the VK Shires Contest and the VK Shires Award.

Rules (including valuable web links) are available from the ARV website: www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

73 Tony VK3XV

1067. Wednesday January 4 activations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-01-03 04:52:49 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1067 Message: 1067

Happy New Year to all!

Tomorrow, Wednesday January 4, weather permitting, I will be activating 2 VK3 LGA & Parks.....

Morning: GS3 Greater Shepparton City Council also VKFF-0741 Lower Goulburn National Park

Afternoon: GB3 Greater Bendigo City Council also VKFF-0623 Greater Bendigo National Park

Both activations are eligible for the 2017 VK3 Local Government Area "Challenge" and the VK Shires Award

Details of the 2017 Challenge can be found here https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

Look for me on or around 7.144MHz and 14.310MHz

I look forward to getting you in the Log.

73 & 44 Tony VK3XV

1068. Jan 6-Jan 8 activations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-01-05 21:06:59 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1068 Message: 1068

Hi Folks,
As I travel to and from 3 VK3 National Parks this weekend I will be stopping for 15 Mins or so in the following Local Government Areas for those chasing for the 2017 VK3 LGA Award.

Frequency will be approx. 7.100 and 14.310. I will also try to self spot on Parks N Peaks.

Fri, 6 Jan 2017 21:30:00 UTC VK3XV/P on 7.100 SSB in SU3 - Surf Coast Shire Council Quick activation.
Fri, 6 Jan 2017 22:30:00 UTC VK3XV/P on 7.100 SSB in CO3 - Colac-Otway Shire Council Quick activation.
Fri, 6 Jan 2017 23:30:00 UTC VK3XV on 7.100 SSB in CE3 - Corangamite Shire Council Quick activation.
Sat, 7 Jan 2017 0:30:00 UTC VK3XV/P on 7.100 SSB in WL3 - Warrnambool City Council Quick activation.
Sat, 7 Jan 2017 1:30:00 UTC VK3XV/P on 7.100 SSB in MY3 - Moyne Shire Council Quick activation.
Sat, 7 Jan 2017 6:00:00 UTC VK3XV/P on 7.144 SSB in GL3 - Glenelg Shire Council Mt. Richmond NP
Sun, 8 Jan 2017 Afternoon VK3XV on 7.100 SSB in AR3 - Ararat Rural City Council 2017 LGA Challenge
Sun, 8 Jan 2017 Afternoon VK3XV on 7.100 SSB in SS3 - Southern Grampians Shire Council
Sun, 8 Jan 2017 Morning VK3XV/P on 7.085 SSB in GL3 - Glenelg Shire Council Also Park activation
Sun, 8 Jan 2017 Afternoon VK3XV/P on 7.144 SSB in GL3 - Glenelg Shire Council Also Park activation
Sun, 8 Jan 2017 Afternoon VK3XV on 7.100 SSB in PS3 - Pyrenees Shire Council 2017 LGA Challenge

Cheers

Tony VK3XV

1069. Activations for tomorrow and Thursday

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-01-17 01:27:33 UTC
From: Peter Watkins
Topic: 1069 Message: 1069

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!important; padding-left:1ex !important; background-color:white !important; }
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Hi all,

I'm heading out tomorrow and Thursday for a set of park activations - back to work next week ☐

Tomorrow, the plan is activate Yarra Ranges NP (VKFF-0556, Shire ID YR3), Cathedral Ra SP (VKFF 0755, MU3) and Lake Eildon NP (VKFF 0625, MR3 & MS3 - 2 sites). For Thursday, the plan is to activate Alpine NP (VKFF 0619, WR3) and Mt Samaria SP (VKFF-0770, BR3).

If time allows, might also try Ararat Hills SP.

I've included the Shires ID for those chasing the VK3 Local Government Challenge.

Aiming for VKFF qualifiecation for each park.

Hope to get you in the log.

73 Peter VK3TKK

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

1070. VK3 LGA 2017 Challenge Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-01-24 09:39:32 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1070 Message: 1070

Victorian Government Award 2017 Challenge | Amateur Radio Victoria
https://www.amateurradio.com.au/news/victorian-government-award-2017-challenge

https://www.amateurradio.com.au/news/victorian-government-award-2017-challenge

Victorian Government Award 2017 Challenge | Amateur...
https://www.amateurradio.com.au/news/victorian-government-award-2017-challenge This operating award encourages on air activity by communicating with, and from, the 79 Local Government Areas in the State of Victoria.

View on www.amateurradio.co...
https://www.amateurradio.com.au/news/victorian-government-award-2017-challenge
Preview by Yahoo

1071. Re: [vkshires] VK3 LGA 2017 Challenge Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-01-25 00:42:13 UTC
From: VK4ZD
Topic: 1070 Message: 1071

Hi Tony

Looking at that award I believe that the red txt will not be readable by
those with colour blindness, particularly on that dark background.
I would suggest that the text may need to be white and have a dark
outline to it.

Regards

73

Bill Main, VK4ZD

On 24/01/2017 7:39 PM, tony@... [vkshires] wrote:
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> Victorian Government Award 2017 Challenge | Amateur Radio Victoria
> <https://www.amateurradio.com.au/news/victorian-government-award-2017-challenge>
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> Victorian Government Award 2017 Challenge | Amateur...
> <https://www.amateurradio.com.au/news/victorian-government-award-2017-challenge>
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> This operating award encourages on air activity by communicating with,
> and from, the 79 Local Government Areas in the State of Victoria.
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> View on www.amateurradio.co...
> <https://www.amateurradio.com.au/news/victorian-government-award-2017-challenge>
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> Preview by Yahoo
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1072. Re: [vkshires] VK3 LGA 2017 Challenge Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-01-26 21:43:10 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1070 Message: 1072

Hi Bill,
that is not the Certificate for the 2017 LGA Challenge. The Certificates will be newly designed in January 2018 once Logs are received. The First place winner in both Hunter and Activator categories will receive a Wall Plaque for their efforts during 2017. This will be similar to the Keith Roget Merit Award plaque.

https://www.amateurradio.com.au/sites/default/files/basicpage/VK3_LGA_2017Challenge.pdf
https://www.amateurradio.com.au/sites/default/files/basicpage/VK3_LGA_2017Challenge.pdf

So far interest and participation appears to be high with all the usual suspects and a few new comers being involved. 11 Months to go so plenty of time for everyone get involved. Hopefully activity will remain high after the 2017 Challenge into the future. That's the idea anyway.

Keep a look out for activations via Parks N Peaks.

Best 73 Tony VK3XV

1073. VK2 Shires to be activated

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-01-26 21:51:31 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1073 Message: 1073

Hi Folks,
If all goes to plan I will be activating these VK2 Shires as below.

Sat, 4 Feb 2017 Afternoon VK3XV/2 on 7.144 SSB in GH2 - Greater Hume Shire Council also VKFF-0547
Sun, 5 Feb 2017 Afternoon VK3XV/2 on 7.144 SSB in WO2 - Wollondilly Shire Council also VKFF-1167
Sun, 5 Feb 2017 Morning VK3XV/2 on 7.144 SSB in GM2 - Goulburn Mulwaree Council also VKFF-1163

Also activating the Parks as above for the VKFF Program. I will be looking for 44+ so the activations will be 1.5 Hours plus. Plenty of time to grab both a Shire and a Park.

I will also be trying 14.310 during activations. Keep a look out on Parks N Peaks.

Weather permitting of course.

73 Tony VK3XV/2

1074. 7 Shires this weekend.

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-02-20 01:19:49 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1074 Message: 1074

Hi Folks,
On Saturday Feb. 25 and Sunday Feb 26 I plan to activate 7 Shires along the Hume Highway as we head to (and from) Wodonga to activate Wodonga Regional Park VKFF-0773 and SOTA VK3/VE-237 Huon Hill.

These Local Government Areas are eligible for the ARV Victorian Local Government Award 2017 Challenge.

Details can be found here: https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards
https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

Timing will be very fluid commencing around 0930 VK3 local time at this stage on both days.

LGA's on Saturday will be: #1 Hume City Council HC3
#2 Mitchell Shire Council ML3
#3 Strathbogie Shire Council ST3
#4 Wangaratta Rural City Council WR3
#5 Indigo Shire Council IS3

On Sunday LGA's will be #1 Wodonga City Council WO3 from VK3/VE-237 / VKFF-0980
#2 Benalla Rural City Council BR3 from VKFF-0773

There will no problems self spotting from any of these locations so the best bet is to keep a watch on Parks N Peaks for frequencies and times (20m/40m/80m). I will spend approx. 30 Mins in each LGA on Saturday and longer on Sunday, as I will also be working towards 44 + contacts for the WWFF program.

Park N Peaks can be found here: http://www.parksnpeaks.org/index.php
http://www.parksnpeaks.org/index.php

Keep in mind also this weekend is a dedicated SOTA "Mt. Hotham" based activation period so if the propagation Gods allow this will be a good weekend for all.

Happy Hunting!!

73 Tony VK3XV

1075. John Moyle Field Day Shire activation

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-03-02 01:24:19 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1075 Message: 1075

Hi Folks,
I will be activating the Local Government Area: Moorabool Shire Council MZ3 during the John Moyle Field Day on Saturday March 18 between 0100-0700z. Field Day Info can be found here:
http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/johnmoyle/
http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/johnmoyle/

If you are operating in the 2017 Field Day please be aware of your Shire (Local Government Area) as stations may request this information for the VK Shires Award and possibly the 2017 VK3 LGA Challenge.
Info here: https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

73!

Tony VK3XV

1076. Long Weekend Activations

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-03-09 21:39:15 UTC
From: Nicholas Lock
Topic: 1076 Message: 1076

It's the Labour Day long weekend in Victoria.

Some activations are planned in the Victorian South-West District, around Ararat.

No hard schedule yet, as it depends on what time I can evacuate Melbourne on Saturday morning, and noting there is some uncertainty in the weather forecast.

Ops would be on 40m & 20m SSB, with options for 80m & 15m, and should be able to start out on 2m SSB.

All are within 3G/4G coverage, with spots via SOTAWatch and ParknPeaks.

The candidates are:

Saturday:

Mt Ben Nevis VK3/VS-009 VKFF-0766 Shire AR3

Mt Buangor VK3/VS-003 VKFF-0766 Shire AR3

Mt Cole VK3/VS-008 Shire PS3
Mt Langi Ghiran VK3/VS-004 VKFF-0760 Shire AR3 Mt Gorrin VK3/VS-016 VKFF-0760 Shire AR3

Sunday:
One Tree Hill VK3/VS-036 VKFF-0958 Shire AR3 Mt Lonarch VK/VS-013 Shire PS3 Ben Major VK3/VS-028 Shire PS3 Blue Mountain VK3/VS-015 Shire PS3

Monday - back home via Mt Alexandra

73 de Nick
VK3ANL

1077. Activation of GD5

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-03-29 04:59:00 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1077 Message: 1077

Hi Folks,
This weekend is the VK5 4th anniversary parks activation weekend. Saturday April 1 and Sunday April 2.

http://www.vk5parks.com/4th-year-anniversary.html
http://www.vk5parks.com/4th-year-anniversary.html

I will be participating across the weekend using VK3XV/5. I am hopeful of activating 4 VK5 Parks across the weekend. All activations will be within District Council of Grant. GD5.

Please keep a watch on ParksNPeaks for further updates and spots.

73 Tony VK3XV

1078. SG3 activation Sunday April 9

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-04-06 01:33:14 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1078 Message: 1078

Hello All,
I will be activating South Gippsland Shire SG3 on Sunday April 9 for approx. 45 Mins commencing at 0100z on 40m.

I will also try 14.310 @ 0130z (1130 local) and 3.615 +/- during this time slot.

This activation is for the 2017 LGA Challenge. https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

73 Tony VK3XV

1079. Congratulations to Peter VK3PF / VK3 LGA Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-05-29 06:18:41 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1079 Message: 1079

Hi All,
I have received an eligible Activators log from Peter VK3PF who has now completed activating all 79 VK3 Local Government Areas. Peter commenced activations for the Amateur Radio Victoria LGA Award early in 2012 and completed activating all 79 VK3 LGA Areas with a contact to Paul, VK5PAS/P (who was activating a SOTA peak, VK3/VE-132 at the time) on April 2.

Peter has previously received the "Worked All VK3 LGA Award" (in 2014) meaning Peter has now added the Grand Slam #1 VK3 Local Government Area Award to his Keith Roget Memorial National Park Grand Slam Award received in April 2014.

This is a great achievement that has required much planning, dedication and enthusiasm.

Well done Peter!

73 Tony VK3XV

1080. 79 VK3 LGA activated by Nick VK3ANL!!

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2017-05-29 06:56:07 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1080 Message: 1080

Hi Folks,
Nick, VK3ANL has also activated all 79 VK3 Local Government Area's!

Nick has submitted an eligible Activators log commencing in April 2013 with a contact from the City of Banule, BC3 and culminating with a contact from East Gippsland Shire, EG3, while activating a SOTA peak (Mt. Cope VK3 / VG-001) on April 24. Nev, VK5WG was Nicks final QSO partner to secure the LGA Activators Award.

Nick is also working towards the LGA "Grand Slam"..... 79 Activated and 79 Worked. Nick is looking for Two more Melbourne Councils to complete the Grand Slam. Please keep a look out for Nick.... You may be the one he is hunting!

Nick has shown a huge amount of dedication, planning and tenacity in achieving his goal, and we congratulate him heartily on his Activators Award.

Well done Nick and best of luck with the hunt for the final Two!

73 Tony VK3XV

1081. 2017 ARV LGA Challenge Award

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2018-01-15 21:33:11 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1081 Message: 1081

Good Morning All,
Logs are now being received for the 2017 Local Government Area Award challenge.....

Did you work or activate (or both) VK3 LGA during calendar year 2017??

Details on this special award are available
here.....https://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

Remember all contacts also contribute to the ongoing ARV LGA Award.and the VK Shires Award

Log submissions for the 2017 Challenge will be accepted until the end of January 2018 as per the published rules.

Thanks!

73 Tony VK3XV
Amateur Radio Victoria Awards Manager

1082. 2017 VK3 LGA Challenge Certificates

Yahoo group: vkshires
Date: 2018-05-23 06:30:47 UTC
From: tony@...
Topic: 1082 Message: 1082

Hi Folks,

All Certificates for the Amateur Radio Victoria, 2017 Local Government Award Challenge have now been posted.

Should yours not arrive, or arrive damaged, please let me know and I will arrange a replacement.

The Plaques for the ultimate winner, Peter Freeman VK3PF, will be presented to Peter, in a few weeks' time, at a suitable location.

Please keep a look out for your Certificate/s!

2017 Challenge Award results and recipients can be found here: https://www.amateurradio.com.au/news/victorian-local-government-award-2017-challenge-results

This Award will, I trust, become a "regular" within the ARV Award scheme.

Don't forget the Australian VK Shires QSO Party which will be held on the Queens Birthday weekend.

Details can be found here: http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/wavks/ http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/wavks/

A great chance to work, not only VK3 LGA, but Government Areas across Australia.

Best to all,

Tony VK3XV